

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter • April 12, 2026

WE GATHER



Peace Be With You

WELCOME

Sam Johnson, Lay Lector

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony No. 5 (Charles Marie Widor)*

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #304 United Methodist Hymnal — Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Crawford, Lay Lector

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We come today with our fears and doubts, our joys and passions.

We come to worship:

with our whole being and all that we are.

Jesus comes to meet us here.

Let us worship the risen Christ!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer’s praise. That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise Sing Alleluia.”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Crawford

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dot Plukas, Sunday School Teacher

#2233 The Faith We Sing — Where Children Belong

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

As the congregation sings, all children are invited to come forward.

I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God; You are God's child, it's true. Children of God are called to love one another, as Jesus taught to do.

Following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School on the 2nd floor of the Education Building.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Sam Johnson

We give thanks for God's Creating Spirit that continues to give us life and lead us forward!

Thanks be to God!

MOMENT FOR MISSION UBH Home Run for Kids

Dominic and Cavan Rold

HYMN #328 UMH — Surely the Presence of the Lord

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mary Crawford

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

Sam Johnson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Peace Be With You"

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Sam Johnson

Your continued financial support of the church is now more important than ever. You may place gifts of cash or checks made out to "First UMC" in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also mail your gift to the church or drop it into the mail slot of our offices any day of the week. Or, you may also give online at www.santamonicaumc.org/give, or mail checks through your online banking programs. You may continue to earmark gifts for our various mission projects. May God grow in us generous and joyful hearts. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Ty Woodward, conductor

It Is Well with My Soul – Philip Bliss (setting: Craig Courtney)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well with my soul.
My sin O the joy of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord,
O my soul It is well with my soul.
And, Lord, hast the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul!
It is well with my soul.

*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mary Crawford

Generous God, You provide for all that we need, and we are grateful that you come to meet us, wherever we are. We offer these gifts today as a sign of our love and commitment to follow you and trust you. May our hearts and hands be of service to bring peace and justice to all your children. We pray in the name of the one who sends us back out into the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2130 TFWS – The Summons

*BENEDICTION

Tricia Guerrero

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fanfare (Jacques Lemmens)

Ty Woodward

*Worship concludes with the Postlude music which prepares us to transition from worship to life in the world.
You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude concludes, or to exit quietly.*

—**Welcome New Visitors!** We're happy you're here. You may fill out a Let's Connect Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or sign in online: www.santamonicaumc.org/im-new, or scan this QR code for the online form.



—**Children and Families on Sundays:** Children meet in the Sanctuary, following the Children's Message children (6 months through 7th grade) will be led to Sunday School in the Education Building on the 2nd floor.

—**Safe Sanctuaries®:** First UMC takes the safety of the children and youth very seriously. We follow Safe Sanctuaries® practices, which is our commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children, youth, and adults.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund. Available Sundays: April 19/26.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In honor of the 66th wedding anniversary of Jack and Marij Fry on April 9th." From Nancy, Armond, and Jessica Mesa.

—**Give:** Your gifts help us grow our ministries today and into the future. Thank you for considering giving to the General Church Fund to support everything we do. You may give today during service, or other ways; by mailing payment, dropping by the business office, or securely through the online giving portal located on the website front page. Questions about financial gifts, or gifts of time? Give us a call anytime at the church office.

—**Prayer Quilts:** If there is a Prayer Quilt in worship, you are invited to pray over and tie knots on the quilt on the north wall of the Sanctuary, or call or email Sarah in the church office to request a tie be made on the quilt for you: Sarah Rold (310.393.8258), or s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry.

—**Prayer Requests:** The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests, and treat all requests as confidential. Request a prayer at any time: www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests.

—**Westside Food Bank:** We collect food weekly for the Westside Food Bank. Bins are located outside the Sanctuary and at the Welcome table on Sunday mornings. Food needed: Baby foods and formula; Canned beans; Canned meats, fish, soups & stews; Canned pasta sauce, tomatoes; Canned fruits, vegetables; Cereal (hot and cold); Cooking oil; Flour and baking mixes; Fruit juices and shelf stable milk; Peanut butter and other nut butters; Protein, energy, or granola bars.

—**Sunday Social Gathering:** After worship today, come say "Hello" for Coffee Hour in Simkins Hall or the Courtyard. Stop by the Sunday Welcome Table if you have any questions.

—We welcome **Community UMC of Pacific Palisades** each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel with generous hospitality.

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13th Annual Home Run for Kids

The Upward Bound House 13th Annual Home Run for Kids is more than just a 5K run—it's a celebration of community, hope, and the power of collective action. Join families, schools, corporate teams, and neighbors who believe that every family and child deserves the stability of housing, dignity, and the chance to thrive. Together, we're disrupting intergenerational homelessness while creating unforgettable moments—where kids run beside parents, strangers become teammates, and community members celebrate families working toward brighter futures.

100% of the funds raised go towards our mission to end family homelessness.

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8 a.m. - Event Opens

11620 San Vicente Blvd

Free parking available in parking lot. Arrive early for best parking.

SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST UMC TEAM!

www.santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids



***Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the white First UMC tent for Communion before the race starts.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

• Methodist Foundation Scholarships

The Methodist Foundation of Santa Monica, founded in 1967, exists to provide aid to religious, educational and charitable causes. Every year the First UMC Loans & Scholarships committee acknowledges outstanding scholars, including graduating high school seniors, continuing undergraduates, and graduate students, for their scholastic excellence, commitment to community, and dedication to our church. Calling all First UMC Students! **Applications are now open** for our First UMC students pursuing their educational goals. Deadline to apply is **Monday, May 11, 9 p.m.** Link on the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/methodistfoundation
Save the Date for Scholarship Sunday: **June 26.**

• United Women in Faith Book Study

The United Women in Faith are excited to host a book study featuring the book, *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*, by Dr. Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams with Gail Hudson. In this New York Times best seller, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally best selling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. The book is at the library in book, e-book and audiobook formats.

Sunday, April 26, after worship in the Fireside Room

• Family Camp

First UMC invites you to experience Family Camp! Everyone is part of the Church Family. All ages are welcome! The chance to unplug from everyday life and explore the great outdoors, and connect with self and community in a beautiful natural setting.

Friday, May 22 through Sunday, May 24

Camp E.L.K. (YMCA of Orange County)

Cost: \$180/person (2 and under are free), includes all meals (*dietary restrictions can be accommodated*)

For more details, and to register online by

Monday, May 11, visit the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/family-camp

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

• Messy Camp - Join the waitlist

Coming this summer! Join us for an unforgettable week of adventure at Messy Camp, where kids will explore the beauty and wonder of God's Garden. Grades TK – 5th grade. The cost is \$150 for the first child and \$125 / additional sibling. Registration is full, but you may still join the waitlist: www.santamonicaumc.org/messy-camp

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

First UMC Campus

MISSION AND SERVICE

• Homeboy Industries Tour & Breakfast at Homegirl Cafe

Homeboy Industries, one of First UMC's mission partners, is the largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. We are excited to announce we have a tour reserved for **Wednesday, April 29 at 11 a.m.** The 30-minute tour is a unique trainee-led experience that includes a shared story from your tour guide.

Schedule of events:

8:45 a.m. - Morning Reflection with Father Greg Boyle

9:30 a.m. - Breakfast at Homegirl Care

11:00 a.m. - Homeboy Tour (30 minutes)

To to attend any or all of the opportunities at Homeboy, please RSVP with Rev. Keri Olsen Paget (k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org) by Wednesday, April 22.

Wednesday, April 29, Homeboy Industries

TWO ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson and Janet Searfoss run a volunteer group on the third Saturday of the month at The People Concern, making sandwiches and assembling sack lunches. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier.

April 17, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

• Westside Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Every 4th Wednesday March date:

April 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 1914 14th Street, Santa Monica.

Volunteers will pack cases of food for distribution at the Mobile Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park.

To volunteer for either service date, email Keri:

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

• Children's Ministry

Families are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. Parents with infants are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary, in the Family Zone in the Narthex, or in the nursery.

www.santamonicaumc.org/childrens-ministry

We have 3 groups for **Sunday School** following the children's message in worship:

- Nursery Care for 6 months through toddler
- Younger Elementary for Kinder-3rd graders
- New Sunday School group for 4th-7th graders

Please contact Jamie (j.jones@santamonicaumc.org) for more info.

• Preschool Enrollment - Open Now

Schedule a tour today with Preschool Co-Directors Dane or Johanna at 310-395-7292, or visit our webpage for more information: www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool

YOUTH

• United Methodist Youth Fellowship Group

The Youth Ministry at First UMC is a community of youth and adult volunteers who gather weekly to explore and grow in faith together. **Sundays, 6-8 p.m. in Youth Lounge**

www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

Next Meeting: Tonight, off-site

PRAYER

• Walk the Labyrinth/Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth and Chapel are open on the first Friday of the month, from 1 - 3 p.m. Families welcome!

Next opportunity: **May 1, World Labyrinth Day**

Celebrations for all Generations!

8:30-9:30 a.m. Family Friendly Time

1-3 p.m. Labyrinth open for quiet and prayerful walking.

3-4 p.m. Family Friendly Time

Visit the website for full schedule:

www.santamonicaumc.org/labyrinth

• Prayer Requests

The Prayer Chain is a network of persons who pray in response to prayer requests. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time.

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayer-requests/

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC

If you'd like more information for ministry opportunities, you may contact the church office (310) 393-8258, or visit the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org

• Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. via Zoom - Men's Bible Study is a weekly online meeting where men of all ages and generations gather to ground themselves in the Holy Scripture. www.santamonicaumc.org/biblestudy

• Listening Hearts Women's Group

Listening Hearts is a spiritual community of women, led by Pastoral Associate Tricia Guerrero. Contact Tricia for upcoming meetings:

t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org.

Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. at Literati Cafe

• Prayer Quilt Ministry

To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, visit:

www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry

(*Prayer quilts may only be requested and sponsored by members of the First UMC congregation.)

Meets the 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. Next meeting: **Saturday, April 18**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the Chancel Choir! **Thursday evening rehearsals are from 7:40 p.m. - 9 p.m.** Contact Jim Smith if you are interested in joining: djes@roadrunner.com

• Messy Church

Messy Church is a monthly all age worship experience that explores God's love in an accessible way.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 25

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall

Theme: Love the World

• Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship.

Next meeting: **TODAY after worship** in the Alcove.

Welcome!

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica! We are followers of the way of Jesus Christ: loving God, loving neighbors and offering compassion to a world in need. Rooted in the Methodist tradition of personal transformation and social justice, our community is committed to sharing God's love, grace and hope and to the flourishing of all God's creation. For over 150 years we have been an active presence in the Westside community and around the world.

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We welcome you to be a part of our community and worship with us, no matter your age, race, nationality, citizenship, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, ability, faith story, or economic situation.

Come and participate in beloved community - a place to belong, whoever you are, just as you are.



First UMC Membership

Membership is a celebration of the fact that someone belongs to our faith community in connection and commitment. It promotes service to and with each other, values mutual care, and develops meaningful and supportive relationships. Becoming a member of First UMC is an act of publicly entering into a relationship with our faith community. At First UMC, we belong to God and to one another. If you have questions on becoming a member of First UMC, you may contact: Rev. Greg Batson (g.batson@santamonicaumc.org), Rev. Keri Olsen Paget (k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org), Tricia Guerrero (t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org), or call the church office: (310) 393-8258.

We will be receiving new members Sunday, April 19, during worship.



Stay Connected

To join in fellowship and ministry online, here's how to connect online. (QR code to website)



First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/

Instagram: @santamonicaumc

YouTube: @SantaMonicaUMC

The First UMC App: Go to the App Store, search FirstUMC_SM.

Giving Matters

There are many ways to contribute to the mission and ministry of First UMC. You may give online via the QR code on the right (Point your phone camera at the QR code and click on yellow link), via mail, or onsite through the church office mail slot. To learn more about ways to give, visit: www.santamonicaumc.org/give



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