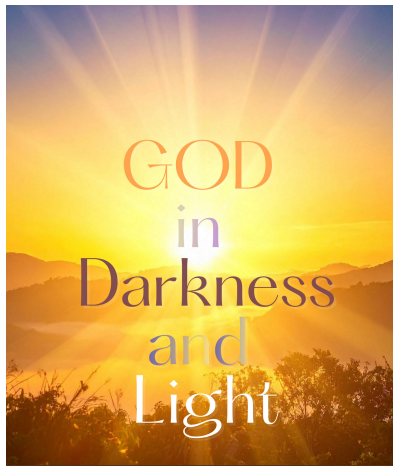


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
EASTER SUNRISE

April 5, 2026 • 6:30 a.m. • Palisades Park

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Darkness has been vanquished.

The light of hope has come.

Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

HYMN Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

Tricia Guerrero

MESSAGE "The Dawning of a New Day"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

PASTORAL PRAYER

Tricia Guerrero

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.

HYMN Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia.

He is risen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION

Rev. Batson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

....

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

....

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

....

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

(You may come forward to receive Communion. You may also bring your flowers up to the cross
and place them in the wreath. Ushers will have bubbles.)

HYMN Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

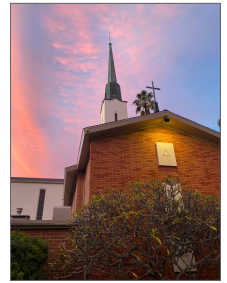
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

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.

MISSION AND SERVICE

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

• **Upward Bound House Home Run for Kids**

Upward Bound House's 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. 100% of the funds raised go towards our mission to end family homelessness.

Join the First UMC Church and Preschool Team!
<https://santamonicaumc.org/home-run-for-kids>

Sunday, April 26, 8 a.m. 11620 San Vicente Blvd
*Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the white First UMC tent for Communion before the race starts!

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 Jones

(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. Youth Lounge**

www.santamonicaumc.org/youth-ministry

Next meeting: Sunday, April 12

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. For more information about these safety measures call the church office (310) 393-8258.

ONGOING MINISTRIES AT FIRST UMC

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



Saturday, April 25
Love the World



10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
First UMC Campus

WWW.SANTAMONICAUMC.ORG/MESSYCHURCH

Messy Church

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

www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us for World Labyrinth Day!

First UMC Santa Monica, with The Labyrinth Society, will celebrate World Labyrinth Day with opportunities for people of all ages to engage the Labyrinth in Simkins Hall. **Friday, May 1, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.**

Visit the website for full schedule:

www.santamonicaumc.org/labyrinth



REFLECT Worship

The service with Rev. Batson includes a time of prayer and sharing, scripture and reflection, and concludes with Holy Communion. At 6 p.m., you are invited to stay and share in a meal in conjunction with our youth as they gather for their weekly program. This is open to all, and we invite you to join us!

Sunday, April 19, 5 p.m. worship in Simkins Hall, followed by 6 p.m. meal

Give Online

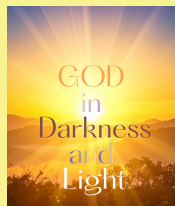
You may give online via the QR code (take a photo of the code with your phone camera.) To learn more: www.santamonicaumc.org/give



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EASTER SUNDAY

Thank you for joining us this Easter morning! We offer an additional Easter worship service at 10 a.m.

APRIL 5: Easter Celebration Worship 10 a.m. Sanctuary, Livestream

Family Service, Choir, Organ, Brass Quintet,
Easter Flowers, and Alleluias!

*(nursery care provided for infants and toddlers
in the Fireside Room)*



Maurice Duruflé "Requiem"
St. Saëns Organ Symphony #3

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
4 P.M.**

IN THE FIRST UMC SANCTUARY
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with First UMC Santa Monica

We worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. in-person in the Sanctuary each week. You may also join in the service Livestream in real time or later at your convenience on these platforms:

First UMC website: www.santamonicaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/santamonicaumc

YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/SantaMonicaUMC

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

Instagram: @santamonicaumc (no Livestreams)

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Music Provided by Janet Searfoss &
Adam Guerrero