

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday • Memorial Day • May 24, 2026

WE GATHER



WELCOME

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

PRELUDE *Allegro from Concerto No. 1 in G minor* (G. F. Handel)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #539 United Methodist Hymnal – O Spirit of the Living God

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Crawford, Certified Lay Servant

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“Come, Holy One, your will with me be done, make my every impulse one with my Lord. Drive out the stubborn love of wickedness, and create in me a heart for His Word. From the world’s iniquity rescue me. Grant me ears that will hear you when you call. Spirit Divine, my sinful heart refine, let your grace and mercy shine, over all!”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Mary Crawford

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jamie Jones, Family Ministries Coordinator

#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

Howard Wollitz, Lay Lector

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 The People Concern

Linda Diane Anderson

HYMN #420 UMH — Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SILENT PRAYER & 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 LESSON Acts 2:1-21

Mary Crawford

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

SERMON "Spirit Quest"

Rev. Batson

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Howard Wollitz

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/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (Jean Berger)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

*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

Howard Wollitz

God of wind and fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences we have allowed to divide us. May your Spirit give us the power to be the church you had hoped we would be, one body, one people seeking to build your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, set us on fire once again. Fill us with your power; in Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #2117 TFWS – Spirit of God

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia."

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune (John Stanley)

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: May 31, June 7/21/28.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** "In loving memory of my wife Marcia Gayle, always in my heart." From Clive Reid.

—**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.

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Saturday, May 30

Fill a Bucket



10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

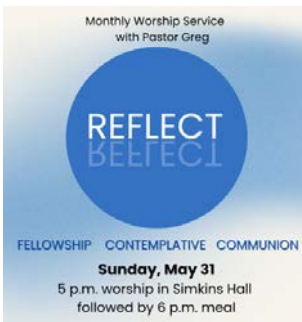
First UMC Campus

WWW.SANTAMONICAUMC.ORG/MESSYCHURCH

May Messy Church

At Messy Church, today's busy families of all shapes and sizes are invited into a welcoming space to experience faith. Messy Church meets once a month. Everyone is welcomed as they are. Whether you are single or partnered, young or old, tidy or messy, have questions or doubts, are filled with joy or struggling with life, you will be welcomed at Messy Church. This month, we will explore loving God and loving others using a book about kindness by Carol McCloud called: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* Join us for the book reading, crafts and activities, games, songs, and fun for the whole family! Come for the whole time or just drop by as you're able.

Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Simkins Hall



REFLECT Worship

Pastor Greg offers an alternative worship service called "Reflect." This is an additional opportunity to come together for worship and sharing in an informal setting. We gather in Simkins Hall at 5 p.m. The service includes a time of prayer and sharing, scripture, a reflection on a classic work of art, and concludes with Holy Communion. At 6 p.m., you are invited to stay and share a meal in community.

Sunday, May 31, 5 p.m. worship in Simkins Hall, followed by 6 p.m. meal



Prayer Quilt Ministry Sewing Retreat

The Prayer Quilt Ministry is having a quilt sewing retreat at church. People in our congregation who sew are welcome to come and join us. Come for a day, part of a day or all 4 days. Bring your own project to work on or we will help you get started on a prayer quilt or square. Bring your machine, if possible, and your own sewing supplies. We have limited machines available.

RSVP to Sue Payne: sue.f.payne@gmail.com by **Monday, June 8.**

Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13:

9 a.m.- 6 p.m. on weekdays; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, in Room 300

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Walk the Labyrinth / Chapel Open for Prayers

The Labyrinth is open on the first Friday of every month, 1– 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall. If you've never walked the Labyrinth before, there are printed instructions to help with your walking meditation, or see a labyrinth host for guidance. Children and families welcome! For those unable to walk, we have finger labyrinths available. The Chapel is also open for prayers during this time.

Friday, June 5, 1 - 3 p.m. in Simkins Hall and Chapel

• Preschool Spring Fair

Save the date and stay after worship for our Annual Preschool Spring Fair. Fun for all ages! There will be bounce houses, bubble mania, tacos, a bake sale, and spring crafts for everyone! New this year is The Cut Truck, a mobile, three-chair hair salon! Let's continue to build the bridge between our congregation and the preschool by **volunteering at the Preschool Fair!** The success of this event (including making new friends among the preschool families) depends on volunteers.

Email Sarah to sign up:

s.rolf@santamonicaumc.org

Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. First UMC campus

• Youth Service Project Commissioning

The Youth Service Project team will be commissioned (blessed) during worship, followed by a picnic fundraiser (Sizzle and Service Bash, see info to the right >) in the Courtyard.

Sunday, June 14, during and after worship

• Scholarship Sunday

As the school year draws to a close, the young scholars of First UMC are excited about their next educational step. Make sure to attend the 10 a.m. worship service to honor and recognize those being awarded with a Methodist Foundation Scholarship and/or a United Women in Faith Scholarship.

Sunday, June 28, during 10 a.m. worship



MISSION AND SERVICE

TWO ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• The People Concern - Moment for Mission today

Linda Diane Anderson will share a Moment for Mission about the monthly volunteer opportunity at The People Concern and how this meaningful ministry has grown over the past three years.

Every third Saturday of the month, Linda Diane and Janet Searfoss lead a volunteer team at The People Concern, where they make sandwiches and assemble sack lunches for those in need. The volunteer shift runs from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., though it often finishes earlier. All are welcome to join this hands-on opportunity to serve the community.

Next volunteer opportunity:

Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

To volunteer email Keri:

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

• Westside Food Bank

Every 4th Wednesday

Wed May 27, 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 email Keri:

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

• YSP Sizzle and Service Bash

Fire up your summer spirit and join us for the Sizzle & Service Bash! The **Youth Service Project Team** is taking over the Church Courtyard for a classic BBQ—think sizzling burgers and hot dogs (+veggie options), all the fixin's, and some homemade desserts to top it off. Enjoy summer yard games with your friends while the kids jump for joy in the bounce house. **Every ticket supports our youth group's summer service trip to Johnson County, TN**, where we will repair homes in Central Appalachia, helping to make them warmer, safer, and drier for families and elderly residents in need.

Tickets: \$30 for adults / \$15 for kids / \$75 for a family
Special discount to FUMC Preschool families - \$50/
family. Tickets available on the website:

www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp

Sunday, June 14, after worship in the Courtyard

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

We have **ten available spots open** for the 26/27 school year. Accepting deposits now, don't miss out!:

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

Meetings: No meeting tonight, May 31 (*last meeting before Summer break*)

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: Friday, June 5, 1 - 3 p.m.

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. Members of the Prayer Chain treat all requests as confidential. You may send a prayer request to the church at any time. Our Prayer Chain will be notified of your request. Fill out the form online:

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, June 3, 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, June 20**

• The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides music every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service. Sing in the 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, May 30

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Courtyard

Theme: Fill a Bucket

• Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Next meeting: **Sunday, May 31, 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.



Sign up for the Friday email!

We have lots of ways to keep you updated on the latest First UMC news and events. One way is the Friday Community Email, loaded with info on what's happening for the week ahead. If you're not signed up to receive this email, click on the bright yellow SUBSCRIBE HERE button located on the main page of our website to get on the list:

www.santamonicaumc.org

If you think you're signed up, but noticed that you haven't received the email for a few weeks, call the church office (310-393-8258), and we can make sure you're still on the list.

Sunday Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to dedicate flowers to on a given week?

The church office can assist with the dedication and the cost is \$80. Order at the Sunday Welcome Table, or online:

www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund

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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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