

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday • May 31, 2026

WE GATHER



WELCOME Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE El Flautista Alegre - *The Happy Flutist*
(Ramón Noble) Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #64 United Methodist Hymnal —
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Whitney Hagan, Lay Lector

(written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

God our Creator, we call You Father, Mother, Author of Life:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Christ our Savior, we call You the Son, the Messiah, the One who Saves:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Holy Spirit, we call You the Advocate, the Inspirer, Breath and Wind of God:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory:

Draw us closer to You, O God.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"God in three person, blessed Trinity. Amen!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Whitney Hagan

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 worshiping 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

Tricia Guerrero

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

Thanks be to God!

HYMN #334 UMH — Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SILENT PRAYER & 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE PSALM Psalm 8

Dan Nessel, Lay Lector

THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

Whitney Hagan

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

SERMON "I Am with You Always"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Dan Nessel

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

Ain't Got Time to Die (Hall Johnson)

Nolan Frank, soloist

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, ain' got time to die. 'Cause when I'm healin' de sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus, ain' got time to die. (Refrain) "Cause it takes all o' ma time to praise my Jesus, all o' ma time to praise my Lord. If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, "Glory an' honor! Glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die. Lord, I keep so busy workin' for de Kingdom, ain' got time to die. 'Cause when I'm feedin' de po', I'm workin' fer de Kingdom. ain' got time to die. (Refrain) Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master, ain' got time to die. (Refrain) Now won't you git out o' ma way lemme praise my Jesus? Out o' my way! Lemme praise my Lord. If I don' praise Him de rocks gonter cry out, "Glory an' honor, glory an' honor!" Ain' got time to die!

*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

Dan Nessel

Creating God, from the beginning, you formed light out of darkness, breath from dust, and life from love. In Christ, you walked among us, and through your Spirit, you empower us still. Today, we offer our gifts—signs of our desire to partner with you in your ongoing work of creation, healing, and discipleship. Use these offerings to build communities of compassion, to welcome the stranger, and to teach your ways of justice and joy. May our giving reflect the wonder of your Triune love and our willingness to go and grow disciples in your name. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #571 UMH – Go, Make of All Disciples

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Final *Symphony No. 1* (Louis Vierne)

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: June 7/21/28.

—**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 Squares:** The Youth Service Project team departs June 20. Please pray over and tie a knot in the prayer squares along the north wall; each member of the team will take a prayer square with them.

—**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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Free Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Ministry Council hosts Blood Pressure screenings one Sunday of the month in the Fireside Room. We are grateful to this ministry for their continued care of the congregation!

Today, 11 a.m. in the Alcove



Pride Worship Service

St. Augustine by the Sea Episcopal Church in Santa Monica invites you to join local congregations to celebrate God's love for all in this special PRIDE worship service! Come rejoice in God's wonderfully wild and extravagant embrace – unconditional love that breaks through all barriers to fill every heart. All are welcome: whether you identify as queer or ally, whether you are God-loving or God-curious, come as you are!

To view the Livestream, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StAugustinebytheSea>

Friday, June 5, 7:30 p.m. St. Augustine by-the-Sea

1227 4th Street, Santa Monica (between Wilshire & Arizona)



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.rolld@santamonicaumc.org. (Regular Coffee Hour will be in the Fireside Room.)

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



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

• **Tonight!** REFLECT Worship

Come to Pastor Greg's worship service "Reflect" tonight! All are welcome for this is 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 in a community meal.

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

• **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/Chapel

• **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**

Every 3rd Saturday

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

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. The shift is 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., but often ends earlier. Volunteers meet at the church to carpool.

To volunteer email Rev. Keri:

k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org

• **Westside Food Bank - Volunteers Needed!**

Every 4th Wednesday

Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

1914 14th Street, Santa Monica. Roll up your sleeves and join the fun as volunteers pack cases of food for distribution at the Mobile Pantry at Virginia Avenue Park! Westside Food Bank can accommodate **25 volunteers** from First UMC, so grab your spot now and help make a difference—one box at a time!

To volunteer email Rev. 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

Meets 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: Messy Church Goes Wild

When: Saturday, July 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: Ferndell Trail near Griffith Park

Details: www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch

• Blood Pressure Screenings

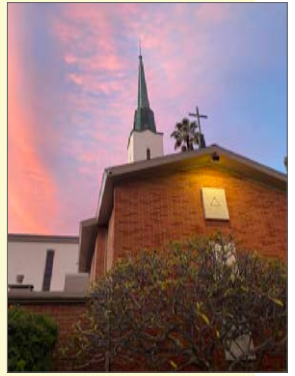
The Health Ministry Council provides free Blood Pressure Screenings once a month after worship. Next meeting: **TODAY, after worship**, Alcove

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.



This Week's Featured Artwork

The Trinity
Andrei Rublev
56 in x 45 in
1411

The Trinity is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the early 15th century. It is his most famous work and the most famous of all Russian icons, and it is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art. *The Trinity* depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-8), but the painting is full of symbolism and is interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility.

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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