

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Communion • June 7, 2026

WE GATHER



*To Be a Blessing*  
By Hannah Garrity  
(Inspired by Genesis 12:1-4a)  
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WELCOME

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

PRELUDE    Amazing Grace (arr. George Shearing)

Ty Woodward, organ

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN    #116 United Methodist Hymnal – The God of Abraham Praise

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ada Sarley, Lay Lector

*(from Psalm 33)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Delight in praise, O you upright!

**Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to the Lord with the harp!**

Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts!

**Upright is the word of the Lord, whose work is done in faithfulness.**

\*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for He hath done marvelous things.”

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ada Sarley

*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

Tricia Guerrero

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE LESSON Genesis 12:1-9

Ada Sarley

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

HOMILY "Our Spiritual Family: Sacred Journey"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

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## WE RESPOND

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Luke Sarley, Lay Lector

*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](http://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. Jim Smith, Music Director

God Be In My Head (Howard Helvey)

God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at mine end and in my departing. Amen.

\*RESPONSE #94 UMH – The Doxology

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Luke Sarley

**Calling God, you spoke to Abram and set him on a journey, not with full clarity, but with full trust. You promised blessing—and with it, purpose. We come now as your people, also journeying by faith, offering these gifts not for our greatness, but so that your promise might be fulfilled through us: to bless the world. Use these offerings to build relationships, to mend the broken, and to draw all families of the earth toward your heart. May our giving reflect our trust, and may our trust lead us to go where you send, step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Batson

*We will use the Musical Setting beginning on page 2257 in The Faith We Sing hymnal. Gluten-free vegan wafers are available. The Ushers will guide you in coming forward to receive the communion elements. You will be invited to take a piece of bread or gluten-free wafer, dip into the cup, and receive. Online worshippers are encouraged to prepare a piece of bread/cracker and juice to receive at home.*

#616 UMH – Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

#632 UMH – Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

#628 UMH – Eat This Bread

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tricia Guerrero

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\*HYMN #451 UMH – Be Thou My Vision

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE God of Grace and God of Glory (arr. Paul Manz)

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](http://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.

—**Communion Server Ministry:** After today's service, members of the Communion Server Ministry will be taking the communion elements to those who were unable to worship with us.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund). Available Sundays: July 5/26.

—**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](mailto:s.rolld@santamonicaumc.org). To request a Prayer Quilt for someone in need, go to: [www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://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](http://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.

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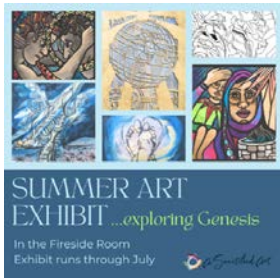
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### Today! Summer Art Exhibit in the Fireside Room

Stop by the Fireside Room today for a new art exhibit that will run through July. The artwork draws inspiration from imagery found in the book of Genesis, which also serves as the focus of our worship sermon series during these months.

*Artwork courtesy of A Sanctified Art.*

**After worship in the Fireside Room**



### Today! Preschool Spring Fair

Stay after worship today for our Annual Preschool Spring Fair. Fun for all ages! There will be a bounce house, bubble mania, tacos, a bake sale, and spring crafts for everyone! New this year is The Cut Truck, a mobile, three-chair hair salon. Purchase tickets at the ticket table: \$20 for first child / \$10 each additional child (all inclusive); \$10 for food ticket for adults. *(Regular Coffee Hour will be in the Fireside Room.)*

**Today, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. First UMC campus**



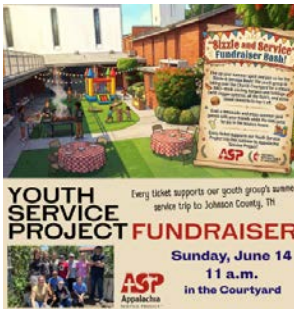
### Next Sunday: Youth Service Project Commissioning

The Youth Service Project team will be commissioned (blessed) during worship. They depart for their trip on Saturday, 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. After worship, come to the "Sizzle and Service" picnic fundraiser in the Courtyard.

### 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. **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. Purchase tickets online before Sunday: [www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/ysp), or at the event: \$30 for adults / \$15 for kids / \$75 for a family, Special discount to FUMC Preschool families: \$50/family.

**Sunday, June 14, after worship in the Courtyard**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • 42nd Annual Session of the California Pacific Conference

With the theme “Ending Spiritual & Physical Hunger: Astonish!” the 42nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference will be held June 17-20, at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, CA. Participants from First UMC this year include Rev. Greg Batson, Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Tricia Guerrero, Dick Crawford, Mary Crawford, Todd Erlandson, Adam Guerrero, and Karen Ing. Visit the Cal-Pac website for updates:

[www.calpacumc.org/about/ac2026](http://www.calpacumc.org/about/ac2026)

**Wednesday, June 17- Saturday, June 20, Offsite**

### • 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**

### • REFLECT Worship

Come to Pastor Greg's monthly worship service “Reflect.” All are welcome to this 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.

**Sunday, June 28, 5 p.m. worship in Simkins Hall, followed by 6 p.m. meal**

### • Messy Church Goes Wild

Messy Church is off for June, but will have a park meet-up in July! Meet at Ferndell Trail near Griffith Park for some playground fun, encounter God in a nature walk, and enjoy some time together in community! Details on the website: [www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch)

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

## 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](mailto:k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org)

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

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year at the Westside Food Bank. While school is out and expenses rise many children and seniors throughout our communities face an increased need for food support. Because of that, your volunteer support is more important than ever. Thus, **the Westside Food Bank is looking for volunteers to assist with food sorting and packing, mobile pantry distributions, and warehouse support all summer long!** Click this link to sign up for volunteer opportunities based on your schedule:

[www.wsfb.org/take-action/volunteer-opportunities/](http://www.wsfb.org/take-action/volunteer-opportunities/).

**Additionally, join the FUMC monthly team on June 24 and July 22, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** to sort and pack food for distribution. Let us all help care for our neighbors in need. If you have any questions or to volunteer, contact Rev. Keri [k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:k.olsenpaget@santamonicaumc.org).

#### • United Women in Faith Christmas in July

Save the date for the annual UWF Christmas in July! The merchandise is donated and United Women in Faith volunteers supply the workforce, so **100% of the proceeds will benefit mission projects.**

*\*Please help by bringing your “gently used” Christmas treasures and costume jewelry (intact or broken), to the Church office or to the UWF workroom between July 5- July 12. (Church office during the week, Welcome Table on Sundays.) To donate Christmas items, baked goods, or to volunteer to help with the sale, contact Karen at [uwfsantamonica@gmail.com](mailto:uwfsantamonica@gmail.com).*

**Sunday, July 19, after worship in the Alcove**

## 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](http://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](mailto:j.jones@santamonicaumc.org)) for more info.

### • Preschool Enrollment - Open Now

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

[www.santamonicaumc.org/preschool](http://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. **They are now on Summer break**, but you may still contact Tricia with questions:

[t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org)

## 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, July 3, 1 - 3 p.m.**

Visit the website for full schedule:

[www.santamonicaumc.org/labyrinth](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:t.guerrero@santamonicaumc.org).

**Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m.** via Zoom

### • Prayer Quilt Ministry

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

[www.santamonicaumc.org/prayerquiltministry](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/messychurch)

### • Blood Pressure Screenings

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

Next meeting: **Sunday, June 21, 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

To Be a Blessing

*Paper lace and pencil over oil paint on paper*

*By Hannah Garrity*

## Art in the Fireside Room

This piece is part of an exhibit featured in the Fireside Room during June and July. The artwork draws inspiration from imagery found in the book of Genesis, which will also serve as the focus of our worship sermon series during those months.

A description from the artist accompanies each piece.

*Artwork courtesy of A Sanctified Art.*

## 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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/](http://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](http://www.santamonicaumc.org/give)



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