

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Pentecost • Youth Service Project Commissioning • June 14, 2026

WE GATHER



The Heir (Sarah Laughs)
By Hannah Garrity
(Inspired by Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7)
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WELCOME

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

PRELUDE ○ Waly Waly - *Traditional English Melody* (arr. Dale Wood) Ty Woodward, organ

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #100 United Methodist Hymnal – God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Payne, Lay Lector

Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

God is good; Praise be to God!

The love and mercy of God never fails.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Amen."

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Emily Payne

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.

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2026 YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT TEAM *(see insert)*

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, Pastoral Associate

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

HYMN #480 UMH – O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Olsen Paget

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 Genesis 18:1-15

Emily Payne

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

SERMON "Our Spiritual Family: Hospitality"

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Emily Payne

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.



A SERVICE OF SENDING FORTH



Commissioning the Youth Service Project Team

Sunday, June 14, 2026

YSP team responds in bold italics. Congregation responds in bold type.



INTRODUCTION

Tricia Guerrero, Pastoral Associate

Today we commission those who have been called to serve with Appalachia Service Project. ASP's theme this year is *Love Your Neighbor* and the supporting verse comes from the book of Romans 12:12-13 in which we find careful instructions for how to live our lives in such a way as to welcome and love both the friend and the stranger as neighbors. Hear these words from Paul: "Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in times of trouble and never stop praying. Take care of God's needy people and welcome strangers into your home."

INTRODUCTION OF THE TEAM

Tricia Guerrero

June Carducci, Tai Hansen, Quinlyn Kirtley, Akira Lucich, Evie Savage, Miles Savage, Cady Senior, Calvin Stanfill, Julian Sweat, Morgan Watts
Leaders: John Buxton, Christian Dodd, Adam Guerrero, Jamie Jones, Brandon Searfoss

TO THE TEAM

Rev. Greg Batson, Senior Minister

Will you accept this commission and live it to the best of your abilities as you strive to Love Your Neighbor?

We will.

As you serve, will you seek to grow in love for God and neighbor, and promise to support each other and the staff of Appalachia Service Project so that we may together be people who welcome all into the family of God?

We will.

As you travel, will you live in the promise of the Good News and share the love of Christ with all people?

We will.

TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Batson

People of God, will you support these persons who God has called to serve with Appalachia Service Project? Will you pray for them, encourage them, and send them as ambassadors of Christ and representatives of this congregation/community?

We will.

COMMISSIONING

Rev. Batson

June, Tai, Quinlyn, Akira, Evie, Miles, Cady, Calvin, Julian, Morgan, John, Christian, Adam, Jamie, Brandon.

I commission you to share the love of Jesus Christ through the gift of your service with Appalachia Service Project. May God bless you, protect you, strengthen you, and fill you with compassion as you serve in Johnson County. May you let your hope in Christ make you glad, may you be patient in times of trouble and stress, and may you never stop praying for each other. May you take care of God's needy people and welcome all into your life. Amen.

As we anoint the hands of our team members, please join in singing:

#2164 The Faith We Sing – Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PRAYER

Rev. Keri Olsen Paget, Deacon Associate

God of light and love, we pray for safety as this team travels, for courage as they try new things and overcome fears, and for excitement as they learn more about you and your children in Appalachia. Help them to accept all people right where they are just the way they are, and to embrace all people as neighbors. Bless them with servant hearts so they may love each other and everyone they meet in the same way that You have loved and welcomed us. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir/Dr. James Smith, Music Director

In Music God Is Glorified (Lloyd Pfautsch)

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia. How oft in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia. So has the church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing for whom he won the fight: Alleluia. Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia.

*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

Rev. Olsen Paget

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #664 UMH – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Batson

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Prelude to a Te Deum (Marc Antoine Charpentier)

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.

—**The Chancel Choir:** During the summer months the Chancel Choir is singing some of their favorite anthems from the prior year. We hope they are your favorites also.

—**Flowers:** To order flowers to remember or honor a loved one for Sunday Worship service, go to: www.santamonicaumc.org/flower-fund. Available Sundays: July 5, August 2/9/16/23/30.

—**This Sunday's Flowers:** *At the Reredos:* "In memory of my husband, Carl Greenwood." From Carol Greenwood. *In the Narthex:* "In memory of Berneice Southcott." With love from her family and friends.

—**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. To see list of preferred items, visit the website: www.santamonicaumc.org/hunger-walk.

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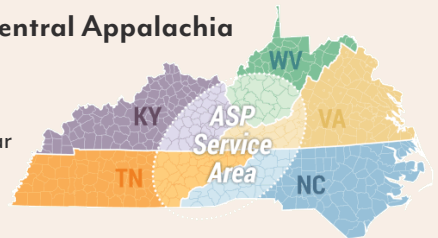
Youth Service Project (YSP)

Each summer, a team of youth and adult volunteers from First UMC Santa Monica take time out of their summer vacations to go on a week-long service trip. During the trip, youth learn about themselves and build relationships with people from all over the U.S., they learn teamwork and how to use power tools, and they are given the opportunity to help people to gain a safe, warm, and dry home to live in through their work. This service leadership opportunity helps youth to grow in their faith through serving others. We collaborate with reputable youth-centered service organizations, and while the location of the trips varies each year, the purpose remains the same: Be in community and of service to those in need.

This year, the youth are serving with **Appalachia Service Project**, and will be working on homes for people with limited financial resources in the Appalachian Mountain area of Johnson County, TN, situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The theme is "Love Your Neighbor."

ASP: Over 55 Years of Repairing and Replacing Homes in Central Appalachia

- More than 24 communities are served by ASP each year
- More than 300 families are impacted through ASP each year
- More than 3,000 repair projects are completed by volunteers each year
- More than 20 new homes are built and gifted each year
- More than 12,000 volunteers serve with ASP each year
- ASP repairs roofs, walls, floors, foundations, and bathrooms, in addition to making homes accessible through porch and ramp repairs or additions



TODAY! 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 at the ticket table: \$30 for adults / \$15 for kids / \$75 for a family, Special discount to FUMC Preschool families: \$50/family.

Today 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

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

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

• 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!** Go to the website to sign up for volunteer opportunities based on your schedule: 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.

• 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.*

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

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 still have **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. **They are now on Summer break**, but you may still contact Tricia with questions:

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

• 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 17, 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 now on summer break.** 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: **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

The Heir (Sarah Laughs)

Acrylic and ink on canvas

By Hannah Garrity

Excerpt from artist statement

"Sarah, mother of Isaac, joyfully nurses her newborn son giving him the nutrients he needs to grow and thrive. Abounding liquid—as a mother, I know what that is like. The feeling of a pouring out; a pouring out of milk, of blood, of tears, of joy; a pouring out of depression, of fear, of baby blues, of awe..." Read the artist's full description in the Fireside Room exhibit, on display through July.

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

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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