

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Pentecost • Father's Day • June 21, 2026

WE GATHER



Clear Vision
by Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Genesis 21:8-21
Hagar & Ishmael Are Cast Away
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WELCOME

Glenda Martinez, Lay Leadership Team

PRELUDE Sarabande (Seth Bingham)

Ty Woodward, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #144 United Methodist Hymnal — This Is My Father's World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Martinez

The Lord is good and His mercies endure forever. Come, let us celebrate the steadfast love of God.

We come to receive grace and offer it to others.

Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you." Love is more powerful than fear.

Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.

May we be merciful, just as our Father is merciful, giving compassion rather than what is deserved.

Let us show God's kindness, extend mercy to all, and let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

*CHORAL ACT OF PRAISE

"O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before Him with a song!"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Glenda Martinez

Please greet those worshipping near you.

**Asterisks indicate standing if you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sandra Jones, Sunday School Teacher

#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 in the Preschool playground.

OUR MISSION & COMMON LIFE

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner, Lay Leadership Team

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 Scholarship Sunday

Molly Smith, Former Scholarship Recipient

HYMN #396 UMH — Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

Ron Theile, Certified Lay Servant

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 21:8-21

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

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

SERMON "Our Spiritual Family: Opportunities"

Ron Theile

WE RESPOND

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Jocelyn Hicks-Garner

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

God So Loved the World (Carl J. Nygard, Jr.)

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. God so loved the world that everyone who would believe, in His only Son shall have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world, to condemn the world. But God so loved the world that through His Son the world might be saved.

*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

Glenda Martinez

Dear giving God: we present this day our gifts. May they represent the best of our discipleship. Help us to experience the joy of connection and the happiness of friendship and family. Send your blessings upon this congregation—and give us open doors. Lord, may these gifts this day be for those around us, for those we have held before you, and for those we have thought of in our moments of caring. May the way we live our lives, and give generously our resources, be a proclamation of our decision to follow Christ! In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*HYMN #530 UMH – Are Ye Able

*BENEDICTION

Ron Theile

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Rigaudon (André Campra)

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 Preschool playground.

—**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:** "Celebrating the graduation of Annika Dodd and her beautiful, supportive circle of LOVE. Congratulations to Annika, her family and our many successful graduates." From Cindy McQuade.

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

—We welcome **Community UMC of Pacific Palisades** each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the chapel with generous hospitality.

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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 for the 2026/2027 school year.

Next 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.

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



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.



Vigil for Just Peace

You're invited to a Vigil for Just Peace, hosted by the Church in Ocean Park in partnership with the Westside Mission Area United Methodist Churches. Gather in prayer, lament and community for all those currently experiencing the devastations of war. *Church in Ocean Park, 235 Hill Street, Santa Monica.*

Sunday, July 5, 1:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Today! Father's Day**

We wish all the dads, uncles, grandads, mentors, teachers, and those who serve in fathering roles for our kids a happy Father's Day. We pray for each of you and give thanks for your witness of God's unconditional love in your family, community, and the world. In honor of Father's Day, we will offer a small treat to all men - those who are fathers, those who care for others as father figures, and those who celebrate or remember their own fathers or nurturing figures in their lives. Treats will be available after worship.

• **Today! Free Blood Pressure Screenings**

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

Today, 11 a.m. in the Alcove

• **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.

• **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

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.

• **Westside Food Bank**

Every 4th Wednesday

Wednesday, June 24, 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

• **Sierra Service Project Carnival & Fundraiser!**

Our SSP team is gearing up for an **intergenerational service trip to the Teec Nos Pos Chapter of the Navajo Nation this August**, and we invite our church family and friends to be a part of the journey. Please join us on Sunday, July 26 for a special day of support and community. We will begin with a Commissioning blessing during the 10 a.m. worship service, followed by our SSP Fundraiser and Lunch at 11:15 a.m. This year, we are hosting a "Service Trip Carnival" to give you a firsthand look at the work our team will be doing. Stop by our interactive booths to try your hand at skills like hammering nails or setting up campsite gear, and learn more about the Navajo Nation and the impactful home repair projects we'll be undertaking. We look forward to seeing you there for a delicious lunch and an opportunity to support this vital ministry!

Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m.

**Commissioning in worship,
followed by 11:15 a.m.**

**Fundraiser/Luncheon in
Simkins Hall**



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, July 1, 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, July 18**

• 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.

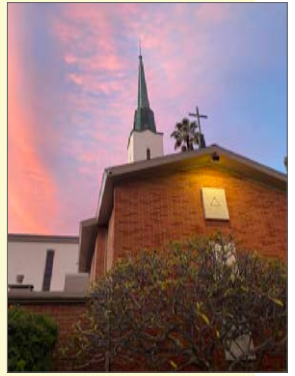
Next meeting: **TODAY after worship**, Alcove

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

Clear Vision

By Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Genesis 21:8-21

Excerpt from artist statement

"God opens her (*Hagar's*) eyes and she finds a well of water and nurtures her son. She nourishes a great nation. She carries the weight of a nation on her shoulders. For me, Hagar is an icon of strength and sustenance in those dry desert places. She is a well for her son and for many. In the image her hair waves and becomes the water that keeps her and Ishmael alive...." 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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