We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music Joe Lawrence

Welcome & Announcements Juan Sánchez

Ringing of the Bell Young Person

Call to Worship *enfleshed* Juan Sánchez
One: We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free.
All: We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates.
One: Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency.
All: The Spirit leads us in power and truth.
One: Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin.
All: With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ.

↑**Gathering Hymn** #85 "I Woke Up This Morning"

↑**Unison Gathering Prayer** *enfleshed* Juan Sánchez
God, you have modeled for us time and time again what it looks like to come out. Since the beginning, you have been revealing your true self to us in different forms but we always struggle to understand. In Jesus, you took on the flesh of an infant, made yourself vulnerable, risked everything, all in hopes of deepening your relationship with us. Like our ancestors who responded to your coming out with violence and rejection, we acknowledge we too turn away from your revelation in unexpected people and places today. By your Spirit, make us the kind of community where those who come out as queer or trans, or in any vulnerable way, can find home, family, and embrace. Amen.

↑**Passing of the Peace** Juan Sánchez
One: We are invited to feast at the table of God's Shalom, to seek the well-being and the wholeness of all creation. Peace for our bodies. Peace for our souls,
All: Peace in our relationships. Peace in our world.
One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit as you feel comfortable.

We Share the Word Together

Time for All Ages Rev. Marlene Pomeroy
All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led.

Choral Anthem "I Got A Key" arr. T. Fettke & T. Grassi
Mount Hollywood Choir

Reading Exodus 32:1-14 Juan Sánchez

Reflection "a Perceived Lack of Leadership" Rev. Marlene Pomeroy

We Pray and We Give

Hymn (x2) *You may stay seated* Lord Prepare Me
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries Juan Sánchez
It is our practice to share our Gratitude and Joy, Concerns and Discoveries.

Our Common Prayer (*unison, please use the words that are most meaningful for you*)
Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity Juan Sánchez
We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to help co-create God's kin-dom here on earth. If you would like to give via PalPal, please scan the QR code.

Offertory Solo Atalia Malin

Unison Prayer of Dedication *Sanctified Art, adapted* Juan Sánchez

Gentle One, emboldened by love, we dedicate these offerings to the work of grace, hope, and justice. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑Sending Hymn #451 "Be Now My Vision"

↑Closing Blessing *UCC Worship Ways* Rev. Marlene Pomeroy

As you go, take the invitation with you…
To receive and give hospitality.
May you know God and be known by God.
May the table and feast of God's kindom expand
As you share the invitation of good news
In the world and for the glory of God.

Postlude Joe Lawrence

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All gender restrooms are located off the courtyard, and a changing table for infants is located in the restroom in the main church.

Please join us after worship for fellowship and coffee!

Join us next Sunday, October 18th for our Annual Blessing of the Animals! Bring your pet if they play well with others, or a photo of them!

All Members, Ministers
Rev. Ashley Hiestand, Pastor
Joe Lawrence, Music Director
Katy Hickman, Moderator
Vincent Lopez, Technical Director

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MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Mount Hollywood United Church of Christ! We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, we are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Welcome home!