



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ *Order of Worship* ~

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music Joe Lawrence

Welcome Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Ringling of the Bell Young Person

Announcements Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Gathering Prayer *Enfleshed* Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Through prayer and practice, we pursue what is just, what is true, what is kind.

With each new day, we hope for Love to lead us.

With discernment, we wade bravely into the struggles of life together.

We yearn for wisdom that satisfies.

Persistently, faithfully, relentlessly, we keep our gaze set upon righteousness.

Determined in hope, may the Holy be our firm foundation.

Beloved One, in the midst of worrisome and troubled days, we seek refuge in your presence. In your care, we find a place to tend our fears and air our grief, to hold our anger, and to renew our passion for collective good. Draw us near to you, O God, and meet us as we are with your restorative love. Amen.

Passing the Peace Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

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.

We invite you to unmute yourself as you pass the peace!

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Solo

“Steal Away”
Rada Jovicic, soloist

African-American Spiritual

Reading

Matthew 22: 15-22

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reflection

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

We Pray

Centering Hymn

#331, Verses 1 and 3

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

It is our practice at Mt. Hollywood to share our Gratitude and Joy, Concerns and Discoveries.

Our Common Prayer (Unison)

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 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.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Offertory

“Turn Your Radio On”

A. Brumley

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Sung Response # 8 v.4

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,

**Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as Love.
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of Life.**

Prayer of Dedication

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

We Are Sent

Sending Hymn

#459, Verse 1

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Benediction

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

*Faithful are we when we remain the course,
clinging to the promises of resurrection until the day of liberation.
May we be courageous in renouncing evil in word and practice.
May we be undeterred through mistakes and setbacks.
May we be attentive to the motivations of our own hearts.
The Spirit will rise up among the willing.
Let us go with peace to join in the work of God.*

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

We invite you to stay online for Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour!

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