

Centering Time

Be still and know that God is God.
Be still and know that God is.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

Rev. Ashley

Solo

“Be Thou My Vision”
Rada Jovicic, soloist

Bob Chilcott

Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Juli Otis

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gathering Prayer (Unison)

Janet Morley, All Desires Known

Juli Otis

*God of community,
whose call is more insistent
than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love
those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will... Amen.*

↑Gathering Hymn

#173 vs. 1&2 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

↑Passing the Peace

Juli Otis

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,
Peace in our relationships. Peace in our world.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.
During this time, all young people are invited to come to the front story rug and grab a cushion. Immediately following the Time with our Young People, children K-5 are invited to Godly Play.

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People

Rev. Ashley

Choral Anthem

“Lift Him Up”
Mount Hollywood Choir

Reba Rambo

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

We Pray

Prayer Song

#283

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.*

Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer

Rev. Ashley

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

Our Common Prayer (Unison) *Please pray the words that are most meaningful for you.*

Our Creator, who is in heaven and within us, we call upon your names. Your wisdom come. Your will be done, in all the spaces in which You dwell. Give us each day sustenance and perseverance. Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others. Separate us from the temptation of empire, but deliver us into community. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give

Juli Otis

Offertory

“The God Who Stays”
Autumn Lawrence, soloist

Matthew West

Prayer of Dedication (in unison) *enfleshed, adapted*

Juli Otis

May we follow the path of those who teach us about thriving and healing with gentleness and fortitude. May we co-creating a world where none are overlooked and safely is our solid ground. Bless our offerings to our collective dreams.

We Are Sent

Announcements

Juli Otis

↑ **Sending Hymn**

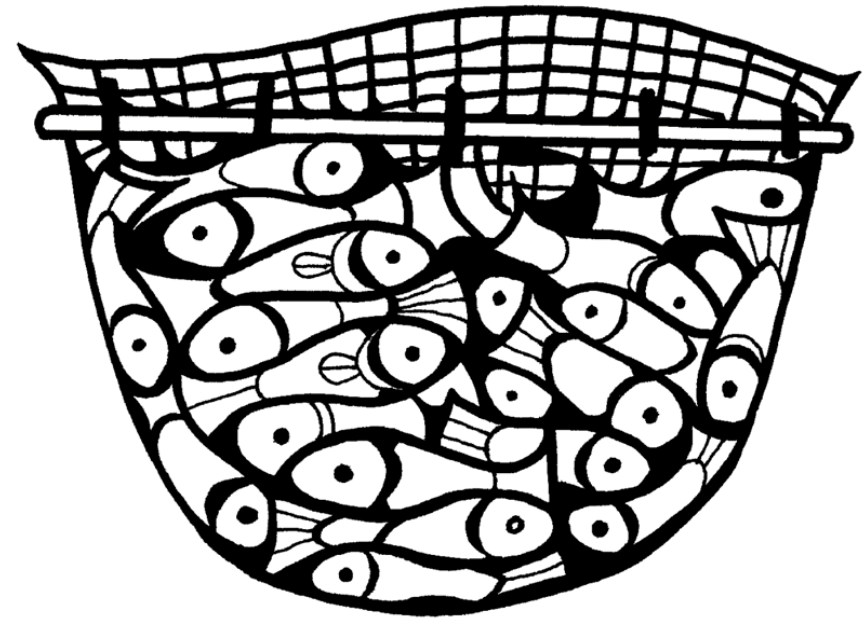
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↑ **Benediction**

Rev. Ashley

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

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MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

Joe Lawrence

Ringing of the Bell

Young Person

Welcome

Rev. Ashley