

↑**Unison Gathering Prayer** UCC Worship Ways Juan Sánchez
Righteous God, you create us for community, and you commune with us. May we seek your presence anew this day and in the time to come. Help us to recognize you in the sound and feel of our own breath and in the movement or noise of those around us. Embolden us to faith that surpasses understanding and ministry that reflects radical trust in you and the path of abundance, compassion, and connection. Let our worship in song and prayer be a foreshadowing of our worship in action and witness. Transform us from despair to hope, complacency to courage, and indifference to love in your name. Amen.

↑**Passing 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.

Choral Anthem

Mount Hollywood Choir

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People and Young at Heart Rev. Nate Graeser
All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led. Afterwards grades K-5 are invited to Godly Play next door.

Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 Juan Sánchez
Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reflection

Rev. Nate Graeser

↑**Hymn**

We Pray and We Give

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries Rev. Nate Graeser
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*)
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from

one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

-New Zealand Prayer Book

Invitation to the Offering

Juan Sánchez

Offertory

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Juan Sánchez

Come, Holy Spirit, bless our solidarity, bless our love for one another, bless our offerings towards well-being for all. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑**Sending Hymn**

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God Be with You

↑**Closing Blessing**

Juan Sánchez

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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

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



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 2nd, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

Joe Lawrence

Welcome & Announcements

Juan Sánchez

Ringing of the Bell

Young Person

Call to Worship

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Juan Sánchez

One: Shake off your grave clothes of despair,
roll away your stones of resignation,
tear down the middle your veil of your fear!

All: Jesus rises still—Alleluia!

One: Challenge state-sanctioned violence,
widen the margins of belonging,
living simply, and offer healing!

All: Jesus rises still—Alleluia!

Among death-dealing systems,
we follow Christ through our living,A

All: let us worship God!

↑**Gathering Hymn**

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Great Is Your Faithfulness