



In our hands, by Lauren Wright Pitman



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ Order of Worship ~
First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

Joe Lawrence

Welcome

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Ring of the Bell

Young Person

Announcements

Ron Taylor

Gathering Prayer (In Unison)

by Sarah Are

Ron Taylor

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals,
Before there are answers,
Before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent,
Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
And where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness,
At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith.**

*One: And if God meets us in all those places,
Then surely God meets us in between—*

All: Staying with us through the wilderness.

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.

Passing the Peace

Ron Taylor

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

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*
Rada Jovicic, soloist

G. Fauré

Reading

Mark 1: 9-15

Ron Taylor

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Reflection

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

We Pray

Centering Hymn

#478

I've Got Peace Like a River

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

Ron Taylor

Offertory

"Lord of the Troubled Sea"
Autumn Lawrence, soloist

K. Medena

Mount Hollywood has a secure [PayPal](#) account. Or feel free to mail a check to the church.

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

Ron Taylor

We Are Sent

Sending Hymn

#474

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

Benediction

UCC Worship Ways

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

*Nothing we do or leave undone
Can distance us from God's love.
God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.
Again and again, God meets us where we are
And invites us into wholeness.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.*

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

Mount Hollywood United Church of Christ
1733 N. New Hampshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323-300-4066
www.mounthollywood.org

All Members, Ministers
Rev. Ashley Hiestand, Pastor
Joe Lawrence, Music Director
Daren Sprawls, Moderator