

## We Gather in Community

**Welcoming Music** Joe Lawrence

**Welcome** Rev. Ashley

**Ringing of the Bell** Young Person

↑**Gathering Hymn** #286 vs. 1&4 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

↑**Call to Worship** *by Ann Weems, adapted* Carmen Fried

One: Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us;

A time to let the events get up and walk around us;

**All: A time to intensify our living unto Christ;**

**A time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts;**

One: A time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his call;

**All: A time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge around us;**

**A time to ponder and a time to wonder...**

One: Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

↑**Passing the Peace** Carmen Fried

One: During the season of Lent we acknowledge our hungers and our longings, our shortcomings and our frailties so that we can make space in our lives for more of God's Shalom:

**All: Peace for our bodies, peace for our souls,  
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.

## We Share the Word

**Time with our Young People** Rev. Ashley

*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.*

**Choral Anthem** "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" Andrae Crouch  
Mount Hollywood Choir

**Reading** (see insert) John 4:5-29 Carmen Fried

**Reflection** Rev. Ashley

**Quiet Meditation**

## We Pray

**Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer** Rev. Ashley

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

**Prayer Song** Taizé

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call you are here.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me. (x2)*

**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

Carmen Fried

Offertory

“The Call”  
Rada Jovicic, soloist

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Prayer of Dedication

Carmen Fried

We Are Sent

Announcements

Carmen Fried

↑ Sending Hymn

#196      *When, like the Woman at the Well*

↑ Benediction

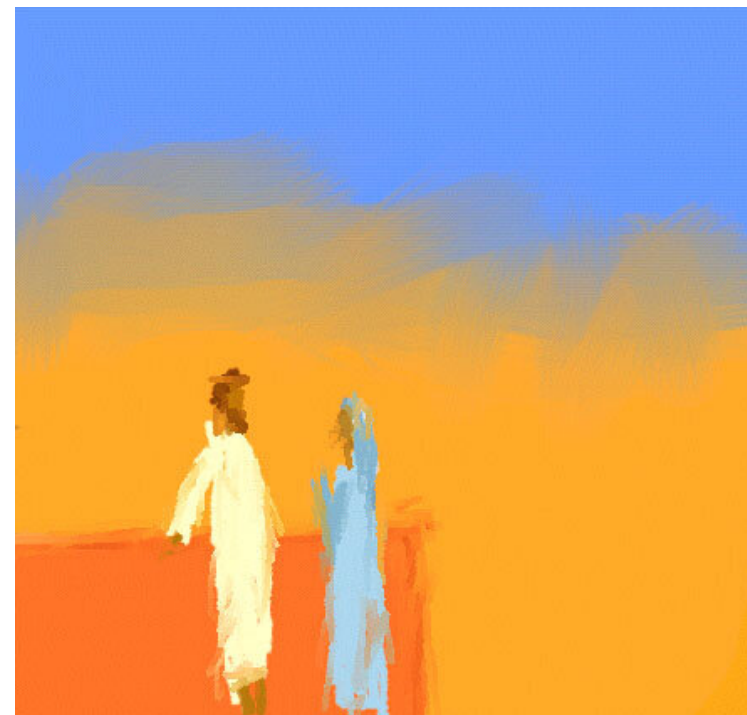
*enfleshed*      Rev. Ashley

Go forth inspired by the expansive imagination of the Creating One,  
Nourished by the ordinary grace of the Sustaining One,  
and accompanied by the enduring solidarity of the Redeeming One.  
Go now in peace!

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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



*“woman at the well” by Martin Howard*



**MOUNT HOLLYWOOD**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

***Third Sunday in Lent***  
***March 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.***

*For Reflection:*

*“You are an extension of the power that created the whole universe.” -RuPaul*

### Lenten Meditation:

#### John 4:6b-29

Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"