



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, we are so glad you are worshiping with us today! Welcome home!

For Reflection: "There are years that ask questions and years that answer."
— Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

We Gather in Community

Gathering Music	"Saraband" by Edvard Greig	Jenny Chaney
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Ashley
Ringing of the Bell		Young Person
Centering		Rev. Ashley

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

Unison Gathering Prayer *enfleshed, adapted* Juli Otis
Jesus, Spirit-of-Living-Love, you were loyal to your mission until your death—teaching, healing, sending evil away, and welcoming the marginalized to your table. May your steadfastness in your work inspire us. Accompany us in spiritual discernment about what our work is and what it is not for this season. Protect us from resignation, overwhelm, and perfectionism. Root us in the deep, radical ways of the holy. Amen.

↑**Gathering Hymn** #506 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

↑**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.

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.

We Share the Word

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led.

Rev. Ashley

Solo

“The Times They Are a Changin’”
Vince Waldron, soloist

Bob Dylan

Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Juli Otis

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

We Pray and We Give

Hymn

#517

I Need You Every Hour

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries

Rev. Ashley

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

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

Our Creator God, Who is in heaven and is 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 temptations of empire, and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Juli Otis

Offertory

“Canon” by Johann Pachelbel

Jenny Chaney

Unison Prayer of Dedication *enfleshed, adapted*

Juli Otis

Sometimes the sorrow of the world rests heavy and makes it hard to move. Holy Agitator, Divine Tenderness—point us in a direction of care, take our gathered offers and bloom your Sturdy Love. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑Sending Hymn

#499

In All Our Living

↑Sending Forth

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by J.S. Bach

Jenny Chaney

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

↑Please rise in mind, body,
or spirit.