

experienced loss: we've lost things, lost opportunities, or even people dear to us.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

One: Some of us are on journeys we can't even speak about. Others feel happy enough that we could've flown here with our own arms. We arrive, not knowing quite what to expect, but finding comfort in that which is familiar.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

One: Our arriving will not happen all at once. As we each settle in, we will find our way into Togetherness and, in our own time, arrive.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

↑**Gathering Hymn**

#70 vs. 1, 2, & 4

*God is Here!
As We Your People Meet*

↑**Passing the Peace**

David Weinreb

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 our Young People and Young at Heart

Rev. Ashley

All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led. Children K-5 will then depart for Godly Play next door.

Choral Anthem

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Mount Hollywood Choir

Roger Emerson

Reading

1 John 3:16-24

David Weinreb

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material

possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help—how can the love of God dwell in a person like that?

Little children, let's not love with words or speech but with action and truth. This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from God because we keep God's commandments and do what pleases God. This is God's commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

↑**Hymn**

x2

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's (love)

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

We Pray

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries

Rev. Ashley

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*)

Our Father/Mother/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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.



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

Joe Lawrence

Welcome

Rev. Ashley

Ringing of the Bell

Young Person

Call to Worship *Together, We Arrive*, by Erika A. Hewitt David Weinreb
One: Let us call each other to this time and place, as we seek the Ground of our Being.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

One: We are here in body, and yet we are still arriving. When we left our homes this morning, we left behind to-do lists, coffee, household tasks, family members, and even pets. All of these await our return.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

One: Some of us don't remember the last time we had a quiet moment to ourselves – and yet we have chosen to be here, together, to tend to our souls and to one another.

All: "I am arriving. Together, we arrive."

One: In the days since we've last met, some of us have been changed, while others are inviting change to take place within them. Some of us have

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give

David Weinreb

Offertory

"In Christ Alone"
Autumn Lawrence, soloist

Getty and Townend

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

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David Weinreb

Wise Spirit, follow our gifts with your goodness and love all the days of our lives. That, together, we will dwell in your kin-dom on earth now & forever. Amen.

We Are Sent

Announcements

David Weinreb

↑**Sending Hymn**

#238

Now the Green Blade Rises

↑**Closing Blessing**

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit