

↑**Call to Worship** *written by Rev. Charing Wei-Jen Chen, adapted* Carmen Fried
One: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

All: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; be our rock of refuge and strong fortress.

One: For your name's sake, lead us and guide us; draw us out from every hidden net.

All: Let your face shine upon us; save us in your steadfast love.

One: In God's house there are many dwelling places; a home is being prepared.

All: Make room in us for the One who comes near; make room among us for one another.

One: In Christ's name we pray.

All: With faith and courage, we worship.

↑**Passing of the Peace** Carmen Fried

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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. Afterwards, grades K-5 are invited next door for Godly Play.

Choral Anthem "Christ Be With Me" Michael S. Bryson
Mount Hollywood Choir

Reading Acts 17:22-28 Carmen Fried

Reflection Rev. Ashley

Responsive Hymn #499 "In All Our Living"

We Pray and We Give

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 Mother, 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.

Invitation to Generosity

We are grateful for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to help co-create God's kin-dom here on earth. If you would like to give via PalPal, please scan the QR code.



Carmen Fried

Offertory Solo

Autumn Lawrence, soloist

Unison Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mitchell Young Carmen Fried

Living God, you are the foundation upon which we stand. As these gifts are gathered, we pray they become the spiritual mortar and stone that strengthens our community. Like the ancient pā pōhaku rock walls of Hawaii and the Polynesian paepae stone foundations of Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, and Marquesas Islands, may our resources build a structure that endures in faith and love. We dedicate these gifts to do the works of Christ Jesus. Amen.

We Break Bread Together

Communion Song Words by Jim Burklo Deeper Love

*For deeper love we share the bread, I won't be full till all are fed
Till every soul has home and bed, the rest of us can't move ahead
For deeper love we share the wine, I cannot taste the love divine
Till every soul has walked the line, and you've had yours as I've had mine
We follow where the Christ has led, to table that for all is spread
And no one's sitting at the head, but deeper love in wine and bread*

Invitation to the Table Rev. Dr Yuki Schwartz Rev. Ashley

This is an open table. We use grape juice for communion, and have a gluten free option. After the elements are blessed, you are invited to come forward. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, we are happy to bring it to you.

One: Lord, we remember and we praise you ...

All: When we, like your disciples, journey across the soil and sands of your good Earth, bring news of your compassion not only through many dialects and tongues, but in the actions we take to do the works of our God who is love ...

One: Lord, we remember and we praise you ...

All: When we, like the women who first proclaimed your miracles, raise our voices

and stretch out our arms to one another as we fight against the systems that attempt to keep us quiet and still...

One: Lord, we remember and we praise you ...

All: When we, like the communities of your followers, who first defied the unjust laws of the empire that oppressed them, in order to dare to love one another regardless of nationality, identity, status, and language. We thank you, O Lord, for the ancestors who came before us who turned dreams into discipline and hope into hearts filled with courage. Let us join them in this holy meal that makes them, and you, present among us.

Remembering the Story Sharing the Elements

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, grant us the steadfastness of the people who made this journey across the oceans during uncertain times, holding onto your promise that you would be with them. As we venture forth into a world of scarcity and betrayal, help us be your hope for the world. When any one of us feels the sting of injustice, when the forces of evil exile seek to tear our communities apart and exile our children into physical and spiritual deserts, move us to join them in their suffering instead of seeking cheap and comfortable grace. Be with us as we do your work to liberate the world from all that separates us from one another, and You. In the name of Jesus our Christ we pray, Amen.

We Are Sent

↑**Sending Hymn**

#25 "O Mighty God, When I Survey In Wonder"

↑**Closing Blessing**

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

You are invited for coffee and fellowship after the service in our courtyard!



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

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



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fifth Sunday after Easter
May 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Mount Hollywood United Church of Christ! We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace Church. Please be in this space in the ways that feel good for you. Gender neutral restrooms are located off the courtyard, and a changing table for infants is located in the restroom in the main building.

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

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music

"Enter in the Realm of God"
Filipino Folk Melody

Joe Lawrence

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ashley

Ringing of the Bell

Young Person

↑**Gathering Hymn**

#5

"Praise To God"