



# MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



*The flower never had a to-do list, not one day of her life.  
She just pointed her whole self toward light.  
The rest took care of itself.*  
-The Flower, by Chelan Harkin

***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.***

### ***We Gather in Community***

**Welcoming Music**

Joe Lawrence

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Ashley

**Ringing of the Bells**

Young Person

**Gathering Prayer**

UCC Worship Ways, adapted

Juan Sánchez

One: Source of Life who is known by many names;  
Over-turner and illuminator of hearts;  
we gather with gratitude for the earth and all who journey in it.  
We give thanks for the interconnectedness of all creation.

**All: Source of justice who is known by many names;  
let us not swerve from the path of righteousness  
that leads to just and equitable relationships.**

One: Give us the will to leave behind the safety of our sanctuaries  
to become your living sanctuary;  
and claim our place in the movement to transform creation;

**All: that our voice, our heart, our spirit will join the voice, heart and spirit of all  
who demand to live with respect, justice, and peace. Amen.**

↑**Gathering Song**

#459

*Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*↑**Passing the Peace**

Juan Sánchez

One: Passing of the Peace reminds us that peace is an ongoing project of God's  
work among us. Take a moment and pass the peace to young and young at heart,  
known and unknown, neighbor and friend. 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.*

**Reading: 4:26-34**

Juan Sánchez

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the  
ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and  
grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the  
head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in  
with his sickle because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will  
we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the  
smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the  
greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can  
make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he  
did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to  
his disciples.

**Choral Anthem**

"My, My, My!"  
Mount Hollywood Choir

Carl Gregorson

**Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Juan Sánchez

Thus says the Lord God:

and become a noble cedar.

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of the cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender shoot  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will transplant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
I will transplant it,  
and it will produce boughs and bear  
fruit

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree;  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

**Reflection**

Rev. Ashley

**Graduates & Elizabeth Hunter Scholarship Recipients Recognition**

Juli Otis

**Graduates:**

Diego Carlson, Stanford Law School

**Scholarship Recipients:**

Maggie Hopkins  
Grace Reynolds  
Boston Silber  
Elizabeth Waldron

**Blessing**

*Adapted from Chrissa Ventrelle, May It Be*

Rev. Ashley

May you listen for the call of who you are-  
sure-footed, steady-handed, calm-minded, knowing that you are a child of God,  
an inheritor of God's holy spirit, called to the work of love and justice,  
called to be a co-creator in the kin-dom of God.  
And may you always know the difference between knowledge and wisdom.  
Remember to keep pointing yourself toward the light.  
May God bless you and keep you always. Amen.

**We Pray and We Give**

**Hymn**

#499, all three verses

*In All Our Living*

**Joys, Concerns and Discoveries- Silent Prayer**

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 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.

**Words that Inspire us to Give**

Juan Sánchez

**Offertory Duet**

“Come Healing”  
Rada Jovicic & Susan Requa

Leonard Cohen

**Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*) *enfleshed, adapted*  
God of towering trees and tiny, sprouting leaves, you animate life all around us. We pray for wisdom and discernment in our own acts of consumption. Taking to heart the impacts of our purchases on our neighbors and our world. May your blessing over these offerings guide us toward faithful stewardship of all the earth’s resources. Amen.

Juan Sánchez

**Grace Notes: Honoring Abilio Seguro**

Chris Carlson

*Abilio has been the caretaker of Hollywood Lutheran for over 30 years. We celebrate him and give our gratitude for his presence in our lives and the life of our church!*

## We Are Sent

**Sending Hymn**

#173 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

↑**Sending Forth**

Rev. Ashley

**Postlude**

Joe Lawrence

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*Many thanks to Joe and to our dedicated choir, who will be taking a season of rest before returning in September!*

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



↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit as you are able.

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