



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!

The Celebration of Pentecost **June 8th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

For Reflection:

"Our Mother Tongue is Love": A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her Maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in [God's] translation
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

We Gather in Community

Gathering Music

Joe Lawrence

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ashley

Ringling of the Bell

Young People

Reading

Acts 2:1-4

Chris Carlson

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability...

↑**Hymn**

#261 vs. 1 & 3

Let Every Christian Pray

↑**Responsive Reading**

Acts 2:5-11

Chris Carlson

One: Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

All: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

One: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

↑**Unison Gathering Prayer**

Chris Carlson

On this Pentecost Sunday, we ask, Holy One, that you speak to us the blessing we cannot speak by ourselves, cannot summon by our own devices, cannot bend to our own will.

Speak to us the blessing that comes when we leave behind our loneliness, when we gather as community, when we greet each other with love.

Speak to us the blessing that rises when we breathe together – conspirators, companions, and co-creators of Your kin-dom.

We pray these things by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

↑**Passing the Peace**

Chris Carlson

The Spirit is in our midst – in you and in me. Recognizing this divine, transforming power in each of us, let us greet each other with a sign of peace.

We Share the Word

Time with our Young and Young at Heart

Rev. Ashley

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

Choral Anthem

"I Got A Key"

T. Fettke & T. Grassi

Mount Hollywood Choir

Reading

Acts 2:12-18

Chris Carlson

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

↑Song (x3)

"Be Love"

The Common Hymnal

The musical notation is for the hymn "Be Love" in 3/2 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Above the staff, the chords A/C# and Dm are indicated. The lyrics "Let our minds be love," are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with chords F/A and Bb indicated above it. The lyrics "Our hearts be love," are written below the second staff. The third staff continues the melody, with chords C/E and F indicated above it. The lyrics "Be love." are written below the third staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

We Pray and We Give

Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer

Rev. Ashley

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

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

↑Please rise in mind, body, or spirit.

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Chris Carlson

Today's special offering will go to the UCC Strengthen the Church Fund, which supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Conferences and the national setting equally share this offering. Please use the special envelope enclosed.

Offertory Solo

"You Know Better Than I"
Autumn Lawrence, soloist

John Bucchino

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Chris Carlson

Holy Spirit, come to us with courage and grace. Ground our faith and use these offerings for witness in small things and great, day by day, unswervingly. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑Sending Hymn

#282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

↑Sending Forth

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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

Directly after worship, we will hold a very brief congregational meeting to elect Vince Waldon to serve in the open Leadership position of Leader of Finance. All members are invited and encouraged to attend so we can reach our quorum. The meeting will be followed by coffee hour in the courtyard

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