

### ↑**Passing the Peace**

Juli Otis

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 wise, 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.*

### **Solo**

The Lord Is My Shepherd     Evelyn Freeman Roberts  
Rada Jovicic, soloist

### **Reading**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Juli Otis

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### **Reflection**

Rev. Ashley

### **We Pray and We Give**

### ↑**Centering Hymn**

#438 vs. 1, 2, & 4

*When Peace, Like a River*

### **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 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**

Juli Otis

### **Offertory Solo**

Autumn Lawrence, soloist

### **Prayer of Dedication (unison)** *UCC Worship Ways*

Juli Otis

Creator, all we have emanates from you and your creation. Receive these gifts we give with thanksgiving and hope for a shared future without lack, disparities, and unmet needs. 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. Ashley

*This is an open table. No matter where you are on Life's Journey, you are welcome!  
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.*

## **Remembering the Story Sharing the Elements**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

As one body, we lament with those who lament. We hope with those who hope. We live with suffering. We live with beauty. Let us go from this table as a renewed community, doing the radical work of Jesus that calls us to live justice-making lives of faith. We are followers of God's Way. We give thanks. Amen.

### **We Are Sent**

↑**Sending Hymn** #82 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*  
↑**Closing Blessing** Rev. Ashley  
**Postlude** Joe Lawrence

All Members, Ministers  
Rev. Ashley Hiestand, Pastor  
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↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit as you feel comfortable.



# **MOUNT HOLLYWOOD**

## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 7, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

### **We Gather in Community**

**Welcoming Music** Joe Lawrence

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Ashley

**Ringing of the Bell** Young Person

**Gathering Prayer (unison)** Juli Otis

Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care. May we know you more deeply and clearly. May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you. May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world. Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.

↑**Gathering Hymn** #31 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*