



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ *Order of Worship* ~

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12th, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

For Reflection:

Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it. -Sufi Mystic, Jalaluddin Rumi

When you get to a place where you understand that love and belonging, your worthiness, is a birthright and not something you have to earn, anything is possible. -Brene Brown

We Gather in Community

Prelude	Joe Lawrence
Welcome	Rev. Ashley Hiestand
Ringing of the Bell	Young Person
Centering Time	Rev. Ashley Hiestand & Joe Lawrence

Be still and know that God is God.

Be still and know that God is.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

Gathering Prayer	<i>Adapted from Enfleshed</i>	Leslie Koch
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One. God, you are an invitation. You are dance, welcome, and celebration.

All: To you God, whenever we show up is just fine;

You have left the front porch light on; the key's under the mat.

One: You are patient.

You do not force, you unfold life into more life, possibility into greater possibility.

All: Wherever we are today -- whatever state of mind, state of spirit, state of body -- you compassionately meet us there. You do not demand we change. You simply invite us to show up to

“what is,” with curiosity about the impact of our actions, always walking with us in our becoming. In our tenderness and growth, encourage us and open us to your expansive, grace-filled love. Amen

Passing the Peace

Leslie Koch

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,

Peace in our relationships.

Peace in our world.

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 invite you to unmute yourself as you pass the peace!

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Reading

“Let Your God Love You” by Edwina Gately

Leslie Koch

Be silent,
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God
Look upon you.
Let your God –
Love you.

That is all.
God knows
And understands
God loves you with
An enormous love.
Wanting only to
Look upon you
With Love.
Quiet
Still.
Be.
Let your God –
Love you.

Solo

“Amazing Grace”
Rada Jovicic, soloist

J. Newton

Reading

Song of Songs 2: 8-13

Leslie Koch

Listen! My beloved!

Look! Here my beloved comes,
leaping across the mountains,

bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.
Look! There my beloved stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.
My beloved spoke and said to me,
"Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.
See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me."

Reflection

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

We Pray

Centering Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

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

Our Common Prayer (Unison)

Traditional Version:

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.

Womanist Version:

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.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give

Leslie Koch

Offertory

“Hungry (Falling On My Knees)”
Autumn Lawrence, soloist

K. Scott

Prayer of Dedication

Leslie Koch

We Are Sent

Announcements

Leslie Koch

Closing Hymn

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Come, We Who Love God’s Name

Parting Blessing

Rev. Ashley Hiestand

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

We invite you to stay online for Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour!

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