

↑**Call to Worship** *enfleshed* Christopher Carlson
One: From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.

All: Through the breath of God we are all connected. Shaped in her image, God formed us with a purpose:

One: To create, to serve

All: To tend, to protect

One: To love, to rest, to be.

All: That life may flourish in all its forms, May the Spirit of the Living God be manifest in us!

↑**Gathering Prayer (unison)** *enfleshed* Christopher Carlson
God of Radical Hospitality, with open arms, you welcome us into new life.

Whatever burdens we carry. Whatever healing we long for. Whatever structures work to keep us down. You meet us in the full truth of who we are, individually and together. May we be open to being transformed by this grace. Today, and each day ahead. Amen.

↑**Passing the Peace** Christopher Carlson
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,

All: Peace in our relationships. Peace in our world.

One: 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 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arr. Lloyd Larson
Rada Jovicic, soloist

Reading Exodus 16:9-18 Christopher Carlson

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Centering Time Rev. Ashley

Reflection "Birds and Our Faith: The Quail" Rev. Ashley

↑**Responsive Hymn** #283 *Spirit of the Living God*

We Pray

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.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give

Christopher Carlson

Musical Offering

“A Clare Benediction”
Rada Jovicic, soloist

John Rutter

Prayer of Dedication (unison) *enfleshed, adapted*

Christopher Carlson

To the labors of your love and liberation, may our resources be blessed. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑**Sending Hymn**

#81, vs. 1-3

God Be with You

↑**Closing Blessing**

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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

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



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Ashley

Ringling of the Bell

Young Person

Lighting our Candle

Christopher Carlson

In recognition of Labor Day, we light this flame to honor all work and all workers – those whose efforts and skills are essential though underpaid and underacknowledged. Unpaid workers who tend our children, elderly and sick. Those who are overworked or looking for work, and for all those who boldly continue to fight for justice, equity, and peace. May they and all of us know rest.

↑**Gathering Hymn**

#575 vs. 1-3

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