



Peace, by Kume Bryant



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ Order of Worship ~
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

We Gather in Community

Prelude

Joe Lawrence

Welcome

Rev. Ashley

Ringling of the Bell

Young Person

Centering

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Gathering Hymn

#32, verses 1, 3, & 6

God of the Sparrow

Gathering Prayer

Enfleshed

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

One: By faith we get up in the morning,

All: learning from the rising sun how to begin again.

One: By faith we go out into the day,

All: courageously asking God to meet us where we are.

One: By faith we gather together,

All: honoring the Divine Light in one another.

One: By faith we fan the flames of justice—

All: for we have known the Spirit of Transformation.

One: Come, let us worship the Faithful One,

All: the Living God is in our midst.

Passing the Peace

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

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 Share the Word

Time with Our Young People: Blessing the Backpacks

Rev. Ashley

Solo

"I Want Jesus, to Walk with Me"
Autumn, Lawrence, soloist

arr. Lloyd Larson

Reading

Luke 12:49-56

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

"I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it's completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, 'It's going to rain.' And indeed it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, 'A heat wave is coming.' And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret the present time?"

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

*We Pray***Joys, Concerns and Discoveries**

Rev. Ashley

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

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

Traditional Version: 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.

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**

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Offertory

"When God Dips His Love In My Heart"

Cleavant Derricks

Rada Jovicic, soloist

Prayer of Dedication

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

We Are Sent

Announcements

Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds

Closing Hymn

#497

Guide My Feet

Parting Blessing

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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