



*"The Welcome Table," by Ashley Bryan
(a stained-glass window in Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bangor, Maine)*



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ Order of Worship ~
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022

We Gather in Community

Prelude

Joe Lawrence

Welcome

Rev. Ashley

Ringing of the Bell

Young Person

Centering

Carmen Fried

Gathering Hymn

#1, verses 1 & 4

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gathering Prayer (unison)

Tess Ward, adapted

Carmen Fried

One: Holy One, make us short on mean thoughts, long on offering words of comfort.

All: Make us short on being driven, long on paying attention.

One: Make us short on focussing only on our own, long on looking beyond.

All: Make us short on obsessive lists, long on spontaneous acts of kindness.

One: Make us short on mindless activity, long on time to reflect.

All: Make us short on tradition as habit, long on re-discovery and re-owning.

One: Make us short on rushing and tiring, long on walking and wondering.

All: Make us short on false festive jollity, long on stilling and rooted joy.

One: Make us short on guilt, long on being merciful to myself.

All: Make us short on being overwhelmed, long on peaceableness as we set forth this day.

Amen.

Passing the Peace

Carmen Fried

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

Rev. Ashley

Musical Offering

Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Carmen Fried

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be

free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you.* This is why we can confidently say,

*The Lord is my helper,
and I won't be afraid.
What can people do to me?*

Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name. Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

We Pray

Centering Music

Joe Lawrence

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

Carmen Fried

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Carmen Fried

We Are Sent

Announcements

Carmen Fried

Closing Hymn

Words by Jim Burklo

For All the Ways

Parting Blessing

Rev. Ashley

Postlude

Joe Lawrence

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