

Joint Community Service

Sunday, November 20th, 2022



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



HOLLYWOOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to offer God's Word of Love, Grace, Mercy and Justice to our homes, congregation, city and all creation.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are currently on Tongva (Gabrieleno) and Chumash people's land. These lands were unceded and stolen. Through colonialism it has come to be in our possession. Land has always been a part of identity, belonging, and sacredness for those who predate us and our ancestors. While this land is in our possession, let us be mindful of how we are stewards of it, until it is rightfully given back to those who it belongs too.

Welcome

If it's your first time visiting, we are so glad you are here. We are delighted you have come to worship. Relax, sing, and center yourself on the presence of God here today. Let those gathered and this bulletin guide you and follow along as you feel led. Join us after the service for a potluck fellowship. We look forward to meeting you!
We ask that you please wear your mask at all times. Regardless of vaccination status.

Music

If you don't know a song, sing along as you feel called and don't worry about getting it right. Just praise, there is no way of getting it wrong.

Children are Welcomed Here

Children enrich our worship experience. The sounds of crying, laughing, and talking are welcome in our church; these sounds are a true gift and remind us of God's presence. There is a special rug in the front left just for them, with toys and coloring materials. Jesus said, let the little children come to me!

Communion

All are welcome to God's open table. Both wine and grape juice, and gluten-free bread are offered at the table.

Offering

There are offering trays at the back and front of the sanctuary. At any point during the service please feel free to share your gift, talents, and blessings. If you would like them to go to a specific community or ministry, please list the name on the envelopes provided in the pews and next to the trays.
Whatever is unmarked will be divided amongst the communities gathered today.

PRELUDE Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S.Bach

Ma-Li Lin, Organist HLC

WELCOME

Reverend Ashley Hiestand

RINGING OF THE BELL

Young people

GATHERING SONG Resilient by Rising Appalachia

Duet by Jaffa C.C & Autumn Lawrence

I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table, again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and learn to listen

I got my roots down, down, down, down, down
Down, down, down, down deep

I got my roots down, down, down
Down, down, down, down
Down, down, down, down deep

These times are poignant
The winds have shifted
It's all we can do
To stay uplifted
Pipelines through backyards
Wolves howlin' out front
Yeah, I got my crew but truth is what I want

I got my roots down (I got my roots down)
Down (I got my roots down)
Down deep (I got my roots down)

Realigned and on point
Power to the peaceful
Prayers to the waters
Women at the center
All vessels open to give and receive
Let's see the system brought down to its knees

I got my roots down (I got my roots down)
Down (I got my roots down)
Down deep (I got my roots down)

So what are we doing here? What has been done?
What are you gonna do about it when the world comes undone?

I'm made of thunder
I'm made of lightning
I'm made of dirt, yeah
Made of the fine things
My father taught me that I'm a speck of dust
And this world was made for me
So let's go and try our luck

My voice feels tiny and I'm sure so does yours
But put us all together, make a mighty roar
Roar

I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table, again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and learn to listen

GREETING

Pastor Ed Ramirez

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

RECONCILIATION TO THE BODY *Adapted from Enfleshed*

Pastor Ed Ramirez

Almighty God, Spirit of Love, Great Physician, Liberator, Devine to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid: Help us be the kin-dom you shared with us. Instead of cynicism, awaken us to the wonder. Instead of unkind self-talk, fill our inner thoughts with compassion. Instead of perfectionism, make vivid our holy enoughness. For our own healing ripples out into our relationships. And our relationships create the world to come.

Amen

WORDS OF GRACE *Black Liturgies*

Tom Scott, HLC

Immanuel,

Christ our carpenter-savior, built, drank, slept, and wept. You are a God, who refuses to neglect the physical. Understand, it's about survival. We betray our bodies to survive, and yet leaving them behind is a greater death still. Help us to be alive in our wholeness. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Ed Ramirez

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Reverend Ashley Hiestand

POP-UP CHOIR Be Now My Vision

*Led by Joe Lawrence, Mt. Hollywood Music Director
Members of Mount Hollywood choir, Adore LA, & Hollywood Lutheran Church*

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart-
You are my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Teacher and Companion you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.

Riches I need not nor life's empty praise.
you, my inheritance, now and always;
You, are my best though, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping your presence my light.

SCRIPTURE

Julia Morales, Adore LA

Mateo 5:13-17 (RVC)

Ustedes son la sal de la tierra, pero si la sal pierde su sabor, ¿cómo volverá a ser salada? Ya no servirá para nada, sino para ser arrojada a la calle y pisoteada por la gente.

Ustedes son la luz del mundo. Una ciudad asentada sobre un monte no se puede esconder. Tampoco se enciende una lámpara y se pone debajo de un cajón, sino sobre el candelero, para que alumbre a todos los que están en casa. De la misma manera, que la luz de ustedes alumbre delante de todos, para que todos vean sus buenas obras y glorifiquen a su Padre, que está en los cielos.

No piensen ustedes que he venido para abolir la ley o los profetas; no he venido para abolir, sino para cumplir.

Matthew 5:13-17

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

REFLECTION

Pastor Ed Ramirez & Reverend Ashley Hiestand

Questions for Reflection:

How are you called to restore the saltiness in our collective lives?

If not abolition, what does fulfilling the law look like?

HYMN Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

by Ma-Li Lin, HLC

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
could the world be about to turn?

[Refrain]

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

[Refrain]

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

[Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Abiding Spirit, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways and those who fight to protect them from human pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Creator, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice, peace and true liberation. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health, joy and freedom for all people and land back. She Who Speaks Life, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of those we don't hear and quiet those who glorify white supremacy. Break open cruel systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Allah, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for our communities. Guide our pastors, leaders, and all members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh, bold ideas that disrupt the status quo. Give our communities a spirit of discipleship and service. Great Mystery, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Compassion, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

For what else shall we pray for today?

We invite prayers from the congregation to be shared.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; Advocate comfort us while we wait.

Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Christopher Reynolds, Mount Hollywood UCC

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Reverend Ashley Hiestand & Pastor Ed Ramirez

COMMON PRAYER *In Unison*

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.

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.**

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

SOLO River by Leon Bridges

Been traveling these wide roads for so long
My heart's been far from you
Ten-thousand miles gone

Oh, I wanna come near and give
Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips are unclean

In my darkness I remember
Momma's words reoccur to me
"Surrender to the good Lord
And he'll wipe your slate clean"

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Oh, go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

Tip me in your smooth water
I go in
As a man with many crimes
Come up for air
As my sins flow down the Jordan

sung by Jaffa Castañeda Carrera, Adore LA

Accompaniment, Joe Lawrence, Mt. Hollywood Music Director

Oh, I wanna come near and give
Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips are unclean

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

I wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
I wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Lord, please let me know
Take me to your river
I wanna know

CLOSING PRAYER OF THE GIFT OF FAITH

In 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.

CLOSING HYMN In Unison

I need you; you need me. We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me; come be with me. We're all a part of God's body.
It is Their will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive. (2x)

I pray for you; you pray for me. I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive. (5x)

It is Their will, that every need be supplied. You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

CLOSING BLESSING

Pastor Ed Ramirez

The Lord bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
May the Holy Spirit look upon you with favor and give you peace.

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony V by Charles-Marie Widor

By Ma-Li Lin Organist, HLC

*Season's
Greetings*

Let's consider different language to use as we wish each other positive thoughts and intentions.
Why we should move away from Thanksgiving during today's service and the days to come.

Many of us have long heard stories about Indigenous people coming together with settlers and sharing a meal. We now know the reality, Thanksgiving is a celebration of a massacre of 700 men, woman, and children. Of burning down a whole community and thanking God for being on "our side". Then for decades to follow our presidents would use this day to affirm our dominance and "God given" right over this land and its original inhabitants. Let's move away from Thanksgiving and begin to celebrate National Day of Mourning which has taken place since 1970 led by Indigenous people. So let us use terms like, Seasons Greetings, Happy Fall, or find new ways to honor both the truth and the celebration of gatherings.

Seasons Greetings!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry

Hollywood Lutheran Church Food Pantry supplies food for more than 150 families a week.

This coming week we will need some volunteers (Wednesday 11/23/22).

If you would like to lend your support or volunteer, please see Tom Scott or contact the HLC office

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

A Festive Celebration of Talent and Creativity in Our Community!

Saturday, December 3rd Time: 1-5pm

In our courtyard

All artists and performers welcome!

Please pass the word on if you know of someone in the community who would like to participate.

Please contact Mary Frances, Carrie, or Frankie with any questions or if you would like to participate!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Adore LA

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If you would like to stay updated on our gatherings the best way to do so is our social media.

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Pastor Ed Ramirez, as a candidate for ordained ministry in the ELCA, has been authorized by Bishop Bos of the Southwest California Synod, to preside at Holy Communion.

SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to all of today's worship leaders, volunteers who prepared our spaces, our collective choir, our gifted singers, Joe Lawrence and Ma-Li Lin, and those who contributed dishes for our community potluck!

And a very special thanks to Bianca Rami!