



MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

~ Order of Worship ~
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mental Health Awareness Sunday
May 15th, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

*Geese appear high over us, pass, and the sky closes.
Abandon, as in love or sleep, holds them to their way, clear
in the ancient faith: what we need is here.
And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye, clear.
What we need is here. -Wendell Berry*

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music Joe Lawrence

Welcome Rev. Ashley

Ringing of the Bell Young Person

***Gathering Hymn** *I Woke Up This Morning*

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom
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Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom....

Gathering Prayer (In Unison) *UCC Mental Health Network, adapted* Juan Sanchez

Holy One, be with us in this sacred space. Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer our prayers and praises. We long to hear more than the groaning of Creation around us, more than our own fearful groaning. From the places deep within us, that we mistakenly believe are hidden from you, may your Spirit intercede for us. Draw us into your presence. May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors. May we find wholeness in being your body here and now. In the name of the One who fills the world with Hope. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Juan Sanchez

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

Centering Time

Rev. Ashley

Be still and know that God is God.
Be still and know that God is.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

Solo

"A Song of Trust"
Rada Jovicic, soloist

Franz Schubert

Readings

Juan Sanchez

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

John 13:33-35

Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Reflection

Rev. Ashley

We Pray

***Centering Hymn**

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Joys, Concerns and Discoveries - Silent Prayer

Rev. Ashley

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

Our Common Prayer (Unison)

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.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give		Juan Sanchez
Offertory	"Truth Be Told" Autumn Lawrence, soloist	Matthew West
Prayer of Dedication		Juan Sanchez

We Are Sent

Announcements		Juan Sanchez
*Closing Hymn	#389 vs. 1, 6-8 <i>You are invited to sing in Spanish or English</i>	<i>Un mandamiento nuevo</i>
*Benediction		Rev. Ashley
May the grace that says "you are not alone" encourage you. May the mercy that says "you are enough" comfort you. May the love that says "you are loved" embrace you this day and every day. Amen.		
Postlude		Joe Lawrence

Blessing of the Graduates and Teachers **Sunday, June 12th**

If you or your child has or will be graduating (nursery school, kindergarten, elementary or middle school, high school, college, grad school, Ph.D, etc.) in 2021 or 2022, please email Pastor Ashley at revashley@mounthollywood.org the name of the graduate, the school and grade, and any other information you would like to include in our bulletin and newsletter.

If you are a teacher, please email Ashley the name of your school, what you teach, and any other information you would like to include in our bulletin and newsletter.

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