



# The Sanctuary

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday after Easter

## PRELUDE

*Allegro ma non Troppo*  
Sir C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Josh Roebuck  
Organ

## WORDS OF WELCOME

*May the peace of Christ be with you!*  
**And also with you!**

Jo Schiff

## HYMN

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We Are All One in Mission**

**Presbyterian Hymnal  
No. 435**

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re-deem-ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP GUIDE

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## MORNING PRAYER

Jo Schiff

Please be seated.

*Generous God, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have shared with us, and for the wonder of your diverse creation. We treasure the unique and individual ways you have made us each who we are. We cherish the universal gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, loving us all.*

*Forgiving God, we recognize that too often we do not appreciate your kindness to us. Too often we shut out the needs of others and think only of ourselves: our time, our money, our fear. Help us shake off the scarcity that limits how we give and serve, and remind us that through you, we are always enough.*

*Abundant God, through your grace we pray that you will guide us in service and in love. Awaken our hearts and motivate us with your love, to recognize the opportunities you place before us. Give us courage and resolve, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, walking with each one of us as we come to worship and serve you, O God.*

Amen.

-Gill LeFevre

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Christopher Carter**  
Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft

### THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

#### HYMN

#### One Is the Body

**Worship & Song**  
**No. 3156**



I. One is the bod - y and one is the Head, one is the  
Spir - it by whom we are led; one God, Cre - a - tor, one  
faith and one call for all.

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#### SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 34:4-10**

**Mary Garbesi**

*I sought the Lord, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to God and be radiant,  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
The poor cried out, and the Lord heard,*

and saved them out of all their troubles.  
 The angel of the Lord encamps  
 around those who fear God, and delivers them.  
 O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
 Happy are those who take refuge in God!  
 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
 for those who fear God have no want!  
 The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
 but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

**One Is the Body**

**Worship & Song  
 No. 3156**

2. Christ who as - cend - ed to heav - en a - bove is the same  
 Je - sus whose na - ture is love, who de -  
 scend - ed to bring to the earth new birth.

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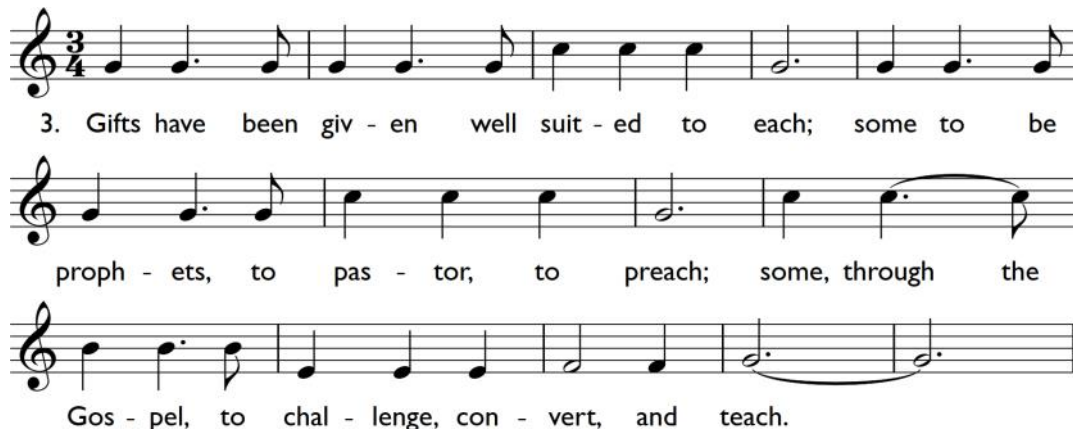
**SCRIPTURE READING**

**I Corinthians 12:12-23**

**Clint Collins**

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;*

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN****One Is the Body****Worship & Song  
No. 3156**


3. Gifts have been giv - en well suit - ed to each; some to be  
 proph - ets, to pas - tor, to preach; some, through the  
 Gos - pel, to chal - lenge, con - vert, and teach.

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**SERMON*****The Liberating Heart of Scripture: Embodying our Faith*****Clint Collins**  
Guest Preacher

**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD**
**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD****Dick Sun****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
 and the glory, forever.  
 Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES****Mary Garbesi****GIVING BACK TO GOD**

We are thankful for all that God has blessed us with, and we consider financial giving an act of worship. We invite you to express your worship by becoming a faithful giver to support God's work through Westwood Church. To make a one-time or recurring donation, **use the QR code** or visit **[www.WestwoodUMC.org/Give](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/Give)**.



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Prayer of Being*  
Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

**Chancel Choir**

*"Be in my life, be in my breath;  
Be in my walk, be in my rest.  
Be in this humble heart of mine;  
Be ever present in my mind.*

*Be in my hands, be in my feet;  
Be in my eyes and in my speech.  
Be in the smile I give away;  
Be in each healing word I say.*

*Be in my work, be in my play;  
Be in the struggles of each day.*

*Be in my joy, be in my pain;  
Be in my loss, be in my gain.  
Be in my thoughts, be in my song;  
Be in my spirit all day long.*

*Be in my prayers at dawn's first light;  
Be in my dreams all through the night.*

*Amen.*

*The prayer of my heart forever shall be;  
I in You and You in me."*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*For the Life That You Have Given*

**Glory to God Hymnal  
No. 717**

*Please stand as you are able.*



For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,



with these fruits of time and la- bor, with these gifts that are your own:



here we of- fer, Lord, our prais- es; heart and mind and strength we bring;



give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987; c. 1990 Hope Publishing Company  
Music: PLEADING SAVIOR, Leavitt's Christian Lyre, 1830/31  
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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Mary Garbesi**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

## HYMN

*Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*

New English Hymnal  
No. 467



1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, In trou - ble  
4. O make but tri - al of your love, Ex - peri - ence  
6. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



and in joy, The prais - es of my God shall  
will de - cide How blest are they, and on - ly  
we a - dore, Be glo - ry, as it was, is



still My heart and tongue em - ploy.  
they, Who in your truth con - fide.  
now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

Words: Tate and Brady, *New Version* 1696 (based on Psalm 34)  
Music: WILTSHIRE; George Smart (1776-1867) in his *Collection of Sacred Music*, 1863.  
Originally set to Ps. 48 in 1795  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

Mary Garbesi

## BENEDICTION

Clint Collins

## POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated.*

*Festival Toccata (excerpt)*  
Percy Fletcher (1879-1932)

Josh Roebuck

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

### Westwood Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter (he/him)  
*Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft*

### Guest Preaching

Rev. Clint Collins (he/they), *Director of Educational, Information & Worship Technologies for Claremont School of Theology*

### Sanctuary Music Leadership

Dr. Andrew Schultz (he/him), *Dir. of Sanctuary Music*  
Josh Roebuck (he/him), *Organist*

### Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Carmen Edano (she/her), *alto*  
Taylor Jacobs (he/him), *tenor*  
Hsin-Yu Hung (he/him), *bass*

### Guest Musicians

Madeline Andriesen (she/her), *alto*

### Liturgists

Mary Garbesi (she/her)  
Jo Schiff (she/her)  
Dick Sun (he/him)

### Production Team

Richard An (he/him), *Videography & Sound*  
Hsin-Hua Wang (she/her), *Videography & Sound*  
Guillermo Gonzalez (he/him), *Videography*

### Altar Flowers

~Given by **John & Donna Heidt** "in honor of Donna's father who passed away 11 years ago and her sister, JoAnn, who passed away last month."

## STAFF OUT TODAY

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert (she/her)  
*Pastor of Children & Families*

Maureen Schultz (she/her), *Production Manager*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following people have requested prayer, or others have requested prayers for them:

### Ongoing Prayer Requests

- ◆ Jackie Ray
- ◆ Rev. Cindy Williams & Family
- ◆ Donna Heidt & Family
- ◆ The Family of Noah Hazel
- ◆ John Brandt, *Penny Gipson's brother*
- ◆ Larry Owen
- ◆ Vickie Jacobs, *Taylor Jacob's mom*
- ◆ Kelly Penrose and New Baby Penrose
- ◆ Yinka Bamgbose
- ◆ Diane Symensma & Tonia Symensma-Cohen
- ◆ Alice Jackson, *Nancy Price's mother*
- ◆ Michael Kelly
- ◆ Cynthia Hinds
- ◆ David Chin & Jacquelyn Yeh
- ◆ Bridgette Lee & son, Luke
- ◆ Charles S.
- ◆ Beverly & Brydon Shirk
- ◆ The Veikune Family
- ◆ Coral Moore
- ◆ Nancy Hill
- ◆ Bonnie Crouch
- ◆ Jane Crail
- ◆ Jackie Vincent
- ◆ Kelly O'Brien
- ◆ The Abernethy Family
- ◆ Jim Agee

These requests are held in prayer by the pastoral staff and by the prayer chain. You are encouraged to join in praying for them by name.

## GUEST PREACHER AT WESTWOOD CHURCH

### EMBODYING OUR FAITH - Rev. Clint Collins

We like to throw around the metaphor of being the Body of Christ, but where does all that talk go when it comes to acknowledging the very real, physical bodies of Christians? Even in our age of elevators and ADA accessibility, it's easy to get caught up in seemingly transcendent ideals of our faith and leave our bodies behind in this earthly dust. And it's more than just our unconscious moments of embedded ableism – we're still regularly tempted to consciously ignore at best – and disown at worst – the very bodies that contain and sustain us. So, let's dig into the liberating power of our scriptures and see if the Spirit offers us new wisdom on how to better embody our faith as we gather this Sunday. See you in worship!



We're so excited to have Clint with us and preaching while Pastor Molly is at General Conference. Clint Collins is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who currently serves as the Director of Educational, Information & Worship Technologies at Claremont School of Theology. A graduate of Missouri University of Science & Technology and Phillips Theological Seminary, Clint has worked in IT, telecommunications, politics, military service, and higher education in addition to 20 years of pastoral leadership across Disciples and United Church of Christ congregations in Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Washington state. He currently lives in West LA with his partner, Rev. Dr. Yuki Schwartz (CST faculty) and their much less reverend orange tabby, Pawli. When not fretting about cybersecurity at work, Clint enjoys reading, video games, programming, and music. He sings with Angel City Chorale and shamelessly invites you to attend their upcoming concert on June 9th in-person at Royce Hall or online via livestream. ([www.angelcitychorale.org](http://www.angelcitychorale.org). Welcome Clint!

## Westwood UMC Mission Statement

Westwood Church is a Christian community that welcomes all people and focuses on becoming and making disciples committed to justice, kindness and walking humbly with God. We welcome and affirm our ministry with all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic status, ability, gender, marital status or sexual orientation, from first-time visitor to lifetime member.

We seek to understand and carry out God's will, bearing witness to Christ's compassion and embracing the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We foster spiritual growth in all persons - children, youth, and adults; through individual and corporate prayer and study, worship of God, nurturing relationships, and participating in ministries of justice and mercy at home and in the global community. ALL ministries of Westwood UMC are available to ALL people.

A Reconciling Church: We, the faith community of Westwood Church, affirm that a God-filled perspective understands and embraces diversity and radical inclusivity; for that reason we embrace and affirm the full inclusion of everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We explicitly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who have been marginalized and diminished within the larger United Methodist tradition. We commit to embracing the responsibility of pushing for a more open and inclusive United Methodist Church.

***You are welcome here. You are supported here. You are included here.***



## TODAY AT WESTWOOD CHURCH



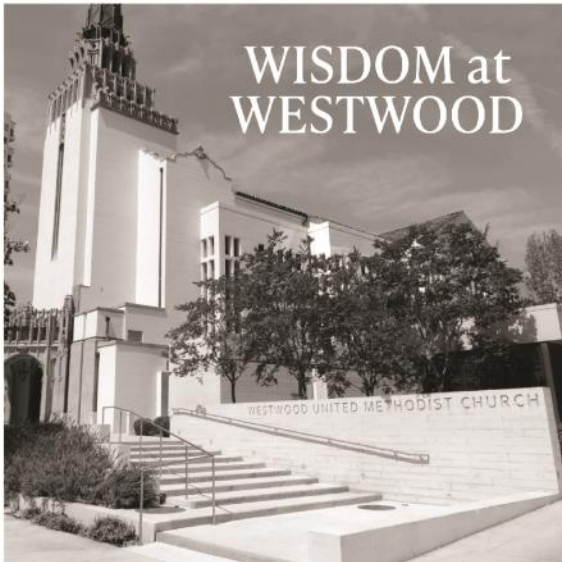
### THE LOFT

**"Childhood Lessons on Love & Peace"**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter**

**Today, April 28th (10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft**

In her book *All About Love*, bell hooks writes that we ought to "view our homes as our original school of love." Love is essential for cultivating peace, so how might we intentionally teach it in our homes? How might we reimagine our church community as a school of love? What would it look like to teach young people how to cultivate the will and the courage to love, how to extend themselves to nurture their own or another's spiritual growth? To help us answer these questions, we will be joined by Rev. Dr. Timothy Murphy, whose most recent book, *Jesus Learns to Glow*, is a children's book whose story offers some answers to the aforementioned questions.



### WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

**Safety Planning Committee Update**

**Today, April 28th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom**

The Safety Planning Committee will present safety measures at Westwood UMC that are in place and currently in the planning stages. We welcome all to learn and understand safety measures around our facility and invite you to be a part of the solution.

**From Cheesehead to Hoosier to Angeleno - Louis Spear**

**Sunday, May 5th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom**

Louise Spear will recount her faith journey as she traveled through time and distance from Catholic Wisconsin to Evangelical Indiana to Unaffiliated California. Through it all, Methodism has played a role.



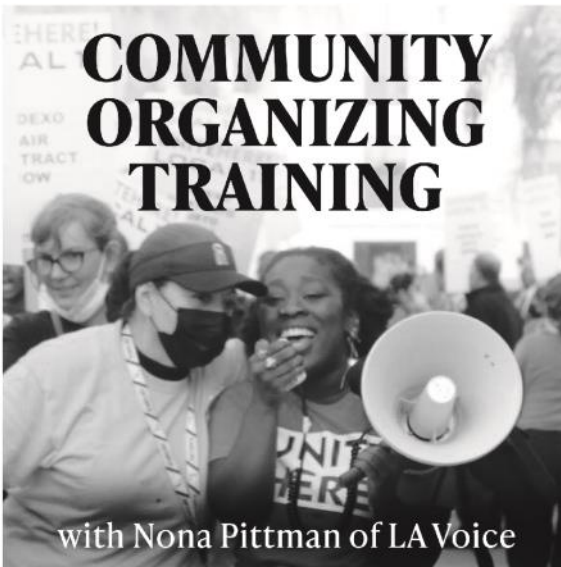
### FAMILY PARK PICNIC DAY

**Today, April 28, 2024 (12:30pm)**

**Holmby Park (601 Comstock Ave., Los Angeles)**

Bring your own picnic and enjoy a time with family and friends. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Westley Garcia at [westley@theloftla.org](mailto:westley@theloftla.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TRAINING** **Sunday, May 19th (12noon) Wesley Room**

Join Nona Pittman of LA Voice to learn about community organizing and what it looks like to pursue a more just community in Los Angeles and beyond. Lunch will be provided.

If you're interested in learning more about LA Voice prior to this training, you can attend their leadership assembly on Thursday May 9th (5:30-8:30pm) at Dolores Mission Catholic Church.

For more information, contact Everest Harvey at [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).



### **SPRING CONCERT AT FUMC SANTA MONICA** **Sunday, May 19th (4pm)** **FUMC Santa Monica (1008 Eleventh St.)**

Join the Westwood UMC and FUMC Santa Monica Chancel Choirs for a special concert featuring the world premiere of "Mass of Ascension" (Michael D. McClish) as well as "Gloria" (Frances Poulenc). Guest singers, orchestra, and organist Ty Woodward. Free parking. No admission charge – freewill offering will be taken. Reception to follow performance.



### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE & FAITH** **Rev. Doug Williams (1958-2024)** **Friday, June 21st (1pm)** **University UMC (18422 Culver Dr., Irvine)**

Doug Williams was an Associate Pastor at Westwood UMC in the 1980s, and we invite you to his Celebration of Life. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to [Families Forward - [www.families-forward.org](http://www.families-forward.org)].

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **PATH BREAKFAST MINISTRY**

**Saturday, May 25th at PATH West LA**  
**4th Saturday of Each Month**

We prepare and serve breakfast at PATH West LA (Cotner & Pico) to 30+ male veterans who live at this location. Arriving at 6am, part of the team shops at Smart & Final (directly across the street), and the other team members get things started in the kitchen. Menus is open to change, but often includes scrambled eggs, bacon, some baked bread (biscuits, corn-bread), fruit salad, and donuts. Breakfast is served promptly at 7 am. (Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.) Sign up by contacting Everest Harvey at [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).



### **580 CAFE FOOD DONATION LIST**

Support the ministry of 580 Café by dropping off any of these items at 580 Hilgard Ave. (LA) on Monday - Wednesday (10am-6pm) or Thursday - Friday (10am-4pm). For more info, contact [wfsucla@gmail.com](mailto:wfsucla@gmail.com) or 310.909.4471.

- Peanut butter, small jars
- Lentils
- White rice short and long grain
- Pasta and pasta sauce small jars or cans
- Snack bars (individually wrapped)
- Popcorn (microwave)
- Snack crackers (individual packs)
- Pretzels (individual packs)
- Ramen (spicy)
- Grocery cards (Ralph's, Target, Whole Foods, Sprouts)

### **FOOD DONATION LIST FOR 580 CAFE**



### **MUTUAL AID RESPONSE TEAM**

Mutual aid is an opportunity for us to build genuine community with each other by supporting each other with our time and talents. All it requires is for us to be open to receiving help and to be willing to help another as we are able. In order for this system of Mutual Aid to work, we need people to sign up to be on the Mutual Aid Response Team.

If you would like to join the response team, go to [www.WestwoodUMC.org/MutualAidTeam](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/MutualAidTeam) and click on "ask to join the group," and you will be notified whenever there is a request. If you, or someone you know is in need of aid, please have them complete the Mutual Aid Request Form at [www.WestwoodUMC.org/MutualAid](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/MutualAid).

# WESTWOOD CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter.....Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft  
Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert.....Director of Children and Family Ministries  
Everest Harvey.....Director of Youth & Social Justice Ministries  
Deaconess Jeanne Roe Smith.....Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA  
Dr. Andrew Schultz.....Sanctuary Music Director  
Josh Roebuck.....Sanctuary Organist  
Sabrina Langlois, Carmen Edano, Taylor Jacobs, & Hsin-Yu Hung.....Chancel Choir Section Leaders  
Sabrina Simmons.....Office Manager  
Maureen Schultz.....Digital Content Coordinator  
Pablo Jauregui.....Facilities Manager  
Julia Black.....Loft Music and Worship Director  
Westley Garcia.....Director of Loft Connections  
Deanna Edwards.....Children's Ministry Executive Assistant  
Ruth Elin Drossel.....Children/Youth Choirs  
Jaime Top.....Facilities Assistant  
David Trotter.....Communications  
Youth and Children's Ministry Staff: Fozieh Karimi, Ashley Kishibay, Emily Kishibay, Lesley Castillo, Waldina Guevara, Eva Hooten, Josie Hooten, and Uriya Simeon

West District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi  
California-Pacific Annual Conference Bishop: Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank

## The Sanctuary – 9:30am

A sacred gathering with traditional liturgy, a thoughtful message, and resounding organ.

More info: [www.WestwoodUMC.org](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org)

## The Loft – 10:30am

An innovative gathering with spiritual conversation, creativity, coffee, and music.

More info: [www.TheLoftLA.org](http://www.TheLoftLA.org)

## Westwood Kids

Westwood Church has a vibrant Sunday morning Children's Ministry. Integrating biblical stories, music, art, and play, we are able to explore God's world using multiple teaching approaches. Join us in The Sanctuary at 9:30am with the children's choir following, and at 10:45am our biblical story time. Join our Westwood Kids email by contacting Pastor Diana Holbert at [diana@westwoodumc.org](mailto:diana@westwoodumc.org).

## Grapple Group

The Grapple Group provides a spiritual community for big questions for young people in grades 6-12. For more information, contact Everest Harvey, Director of Youth & Social Justice Ministries, at [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).

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