



# The Sanctuary

November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

## PRELUDE

**“Adagio” from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue**  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Peter Fennema**  
Organist

## WORDS OF WELCOME

**Molly Vetter**  
Senior Pastor

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

## HYMN

***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**United Methodist Hymnal  
No. 89**

*Please stand as you are able.*



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## MORNING PRAYER

Rhonda K. Lawrence

*Gather us together, dear God.  
In this sacred space, we lift our vision to see your presence.  
Enable us to celebrate and give thanks today.  
God is mighty, shaping mountains and rivers,  
rainforests and coral reefs.  
God is tender, forming dragonfly wings,  
delicate moss,  
and drops of dew.  
Today God is inviting us to care for  
everything God has made – and to delight in it.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Let us worship God.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Diana Holbert**  
Pastor of Children & Families

### THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

#### HYMN

#### *Many and Great, O God*

**United Methodist Hymnal  
No. 148**

The musical score is written on four staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "I. Man - y and great, O God, are thy things, Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice."

Words: Joseph R. Renville, ca. 1846; para. by Philip Frazier, 1929 (Ps. 104:24-30; Jer. 10:12, 13)  
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#### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Psalm 104:1-9, 24

**Mary Garbesi**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
and cover yourself with light as with a garment;  
you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,*

and have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters;  
 you make the clouds your chariot,  
 and ride on the wings of the wind;  
 you make the winds your messengers,  
 fire and flame your ministers.  
 You set the earth on its foundations,  
 so that it should never be shaken.  
 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
 the waters stood above the mountains.  
 At your rebuke they fled;  
 at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.  
 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,  
 to the place which you appointed for them.  
 You set a bound which they should not pass,  
 so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
 In wisdom you have made them all;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.

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

**HYMN**

**Many and Great, O God**

**United Methodist Hymnal  
 No. 148**

2. Grant un-to us com-mun - ion with thee, thou star a - bid - ing  
 one; come un-to us and dwell with us;  
 with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with  
 life that has no end, e - ter-nal life with thee.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 12:38-44**

**Molly Vetter**

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

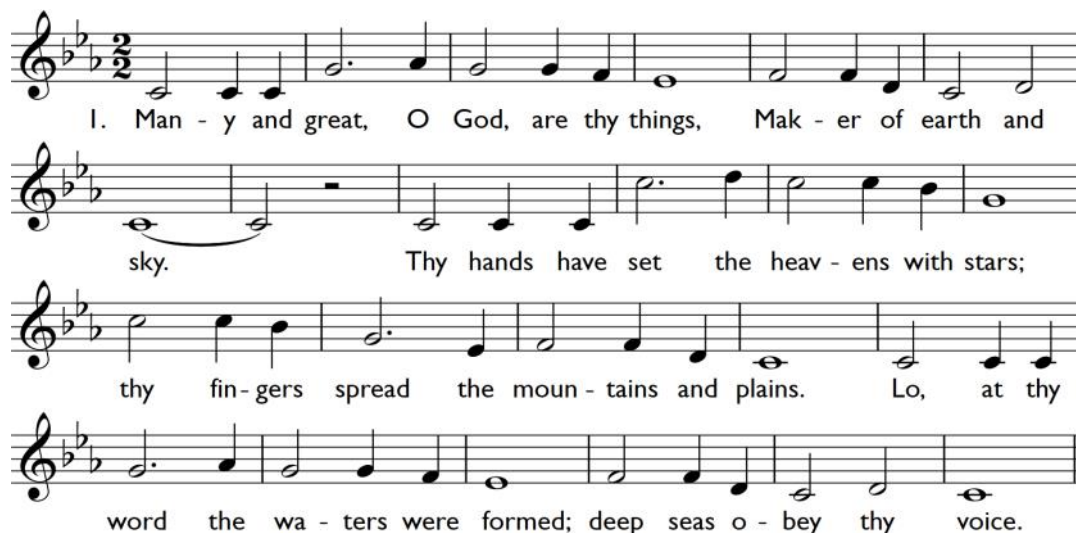
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**SERMON**

**All Creatures Great and Small**

**Molly Vetter**



**THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**God's Got the Whole World**  
Mark Miller

**Sanctuary Singers**

*God's got the whole world in God's hands.  
God has you and me, God's got you and me in those hands,  
God's got the whole world in God's hands.*

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD**

**Dick Sun**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dick Sun

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

Molly Vetter

### 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

*What Gift Can We Bring?*  
Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Chancel Choir

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*

*Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise, now and forever,  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.*

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
What song can we offer in honor and praise?*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**What Gift Can We Bring?**

**United Methodist Hymnal**

**No. 87**

4. This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken, these words can con - vey it, the joy of this day! When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing, this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Molly Vetter**

**THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE**

**HYMN**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**United Methodist Hymnal**

**No. 147**

*Refrain (Unison)*

All things bright and bea - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful: the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Gen. 1:31)  
Music: ROYAL OAK; 17th cent. English melody; arr. by Martin Shaw, 1915  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please be seated.*

**Molly Vetter**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Please remain seated.*

## ***Prelude in D Minor ("Dorian")***

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Peter Fennema**

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

### Pastoral Staff

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

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

### Sanctuary Music Leadership

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

### Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Temple Hammen (she/her), *soprano*  
Carmen Edano (she/her), *alto*  
Taylor Jacobs (he/him), *tenor*  
Byron Jones (he/him), *bass*  
Jeremy Sarmiento (he/him), *choral scholar*

### Liturgists

Mary Garbesi (she/her)  
Rhonda K. Lawrence (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 **Louise Spear** - *"In loving memory of my sister, Nancy Rae Spear, on her November 10 birthday. "*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### New Requests

- Bob & Tracy Mesrop

### Ongoing Prayer Requests

- Jackie Ray & Family
- Yvonne Newton
- Azalea
- Patricia Barlow & Family
- Timothy Jones
- Charles & Ruby Simmons
- John Brandt
- Yinka Bamgbose
- Michael Kelly
- Beverly & Brydon Shirk
- The Veikune Family
- Coral Moore
- Nancy Hill
- Bonnie Crouch (on hospice)
- Jackie Vincent
- The Abernethy Family
- Jim Agee
- The people of Russia, Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar.

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.

## 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



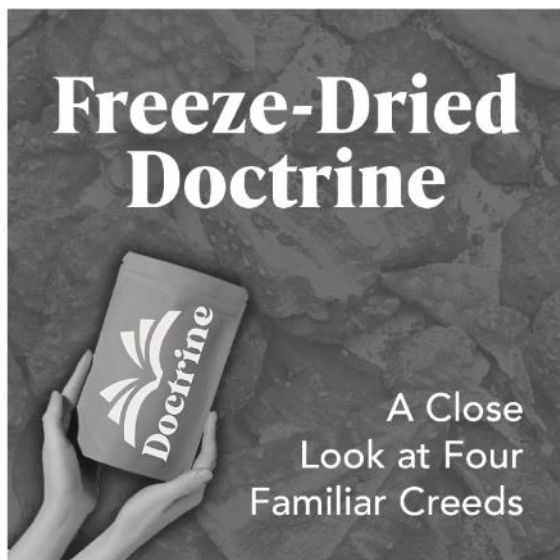
### THE LOFT

Today, November 10th (10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft

**"All Creatures Great & Small: How We Heal"**

**Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter**

In times of unrest, Jesus often responded by tending to his immediate needs and those of his community before deciding what to do. As we emerge from this season of political unrest, the healing stories of Jesus show us that our response to this unrest is to begin with personal and communal healing. Doing so reminds us that God cares for all of God's creatures, great and small.



### FREEZE-DRIED DOCTRINE:

**A CLOSE LOOK AT FOUR FAMILIAR CREEDS**

**Sundays, November 10th, 17th, & December 1st (11am)**

**Wesley Room and via Zoom**

Join Reg Gipson this Sunday as we look at the God of the Bible, the God of the Christian creeds, the God of popular culture, and the God of the Philosophers. What are we talking about when we talk about God? The following two weeks will be led by Rev. Dr. John Holbert and Pastor Molly Vetter.



### ORGAN CONCERT SERIES - MARK HERMAN

**Sunday, November 10th (3pm) Sanctuary & via Livestream**

Join us in person at Westwood UMC or via YouTube livestream for a 60-minute concert performed on the landmark Shaffer Memorial Organ. Free admission.

Mark Herman is a distinguished American theatre organist who has performed hundreds of solo concerts and silent film presentations across the United States and internationally, and he will be accompanying Buster Keaton's 1923 silent film "Our Hospitality".

Read his complete bio at [www.WestwoodUMC.org/OrganConcert](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/OrganConcert).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CIVIL RIGHTS SOCIAL JUSTICE PILGRIMAGE



**Interested? Join us for the Info Meeting!**  
Monday, November 11th (7pm) via Zoom

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**Info Meeting - Monday, November 11th (7pm) via Zoom**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter and Everest Harvey are planning an intergenerational five to seven day civil rights pilgrimage for adults and youth going into 9th grade and above. In the Summer of 2025, the group will travel to New Orleans to visit historical locations and several museums to learn about the experiences and stories of people in the South. If you are interested in learning more, join us for the information meeting via Zoom. To RSVP, contact [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org) or [christopher@theloftla.org](mailto:christopher@theloftla.org).

**Donate \$50  
Target Gift Cards**  
for EPIC's 5th Annual  
Posada Gift Card Drive



### EPIC'S 5TH ANNUAL POSADA GIFT CARD DRIVE

**Bring Target Gift Cards on Sunday, November 24th!**

Do you remember when you were a teenager, and you had enough money to buy presents for your family at Christmas? It felt so good! This year, our Westwood Kids are sponsoring a Target Gift Card Drive as our mission project to help kids through Echo Park Immigration Center be able to have that chance. We invite you to buy \$50 gift cards to support our mission! Please bring them to church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24th. We will have a blessing of the cards the following Sunday, along with writing individual notes to our new friends to go along with each card. It will make their Christmas and ours and yours as well! If you have questions, contact Pastor Diana Holbert at [diana@westwoodumc.org](mailto:diana@westwoodumc.org).

### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 24th**

**10am - One Worship Gathering in The Sanctuary**

**11:15am - Community Meal in The Loft**

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, join us for a combined worship gathering in our Sanctuary followed by the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon community meal in The Loft. The church will be providing turkey and tamales for everyone. We encourage you to bring a side dish, salad, and/or dessert to share with the community. It will be a time to celebrate and honor our gratitude, and an opportunity to get to know people we do not yet know well.

To RSVP with what you'll be bringing, scan the QR code or go to [www.WestwoodUMC.org/Thanks](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/Thanks).



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Women in Faith Advent Quiet Day**

Saturday, December 14th (9:30am - 12:30pm)  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Pacific Palisades)

### **Next Women in Faith Program and Lunch**

February 15, 2025  
Wesley Room (Westwood Church)

### **Women's Overnight Retreat**

October 24-26, 2025  
Serra Retreat Center (Malibu)



### **PATH BREAKFAST MINISTRY**

**Saturday, November 23rd 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, cornbread), 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).



### **JOIN A WESTWOOD SMALL GROUP!**

At Westwood UMC, we strive to create a culture of belonging, and our small groups are one of the primary ways we create that culture. Whether you are longtime member or a recent visitor and whether you worship in The Sanctuary or in The Loft, you are invited and encouraged to join a small group as way to deepen your connection to our community. To join a group, contact Westley Garcia at [westley@theloftla.org](mailto:westley@theloftla.org).

**Culver City Group** - 1st and 3rd Sundays

**Westwood Group** - 2nd and 4th Thursdays

**Young Adult Group** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

**Men's Group** - 3rd Wednesday

**Mom's Group** - 1st Sundays

**Queer Group** - 2nd & 4th Sundays

# WESTWOOD CHURCH

Rev. Molly Vetter.....Senior Pastor  
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  
Peter Fennema.....Organist  
Carmen Edano, Temple Hammen, Taylor Jacobs, Byron Jones.....Chancel Choir Section Leaders  
Sabrina Simmons.....Office Manager  
Pablo Jauregui.....Facilities Manager  
Julia Black.....Loft Music and Worship Director  
Westley Garcia.....Director of Loft Connections  
Dr. Deanna Edwards.....Children's Ministry Executive Assistant  
Hsin-Hua Wang.....Children/Youth Choirs  
Jaime Top.....Facilities Assistant  
David Trotter.....Communications  
Youth and Children's Ministry Staff: Beverly Bell, Lesley Castillo, Waldina Guevara, Eva Hooten, Fozieh Karimi, Ashley Kishibay, Emily Kishibay, Isabel Kilroe, and Uriya Simeon

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



## Today's Worship Guide

To access a digital version, use the QR code or visit [www.WestwoodUMC.org/Livestream](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org/Livestream).

### 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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