

WELCOME TO EASTER SUNDAY

WESTWOOD UMC AND
COMMUNITY UMC,
PACIFIC PALISADES

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
9 AND 11AM



PRELUDE

“Grand Chœur Dialogué” from 6 Pièces d'Orgue
Eugène Gigout (1844-1925), arr. Jaebon Hwang (b. 1983)

**Brass, Timpani
and Organ**

EASTER GREETING

Molly Vetter

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**United Methodist Hymnal
No. 302**

Please stand as you are able.

arr. for brass by David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, — Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, — Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? — Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, — Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? — Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, — Al - le - lu - ia!

MORNING PRAYER

Please be seated.

9am: Tonia Symensma-Cohen

11am: Lydian Witt

God of Alleluias and empty tombs,
God of garden plots and good news,
It is Easter. It is finally Easter.
In a world full of grief and heartache,
in a world full of violence and oppression,
in a world full of loss and separation, we long for this day
because Easter sings a different song.
Easter sings a song of hope.
Easter sings a song of new life.
Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair
and run barefoot to the tomb.
Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread.
It sounds like trumpets and laughter.
It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug.
Yes, Easter sings a different song.
So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope.
In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news.
In a world full of grief, we're ready to jump out of our chairs
and run barefoot to the tomb.
With hope we pray, with hope we listen, amen.

~Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed
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CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Vetter

At 9am, children will return to their families to share in worship for the whole service;
at 11am, children are welcome to go to Westwood Kids Story Time in Room 203.

THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

Voices Raised to You

Evangelical Lutheran Worship No. 845



1. Voic-es raised to you we of-fer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
2. All cre-a-tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your works dis-play.



Hearts and hands we bring in trib-ute for your gifts through all our days.
Art and mu-sic, gifts you lend us, we re-turn to you to-day.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Tri-une God, to you we sing!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! God, cre-a-tor, source of life!

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SCRIPTURE READING**Psalm 118:17, 21-24****9am: Shirley Williams****11am: Eliot Miller**

*I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN**Voices Raised to You****Chancel Choir**

from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, No. 845

*Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
Touching earth with heaven's grace,
For Your living, suffering, dying,
For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!*

SCRIPTURE READING**Luke 24:1-12****9am: Christine Odionu****11am: Madison Shaver**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN**Voices Raised to You****Evangelical Lutheran Worship****No. 845**

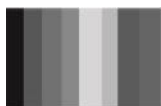
5. How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the thanks we owe?



Take our hearts and hands and voic - es — gifts of love we can be - stow.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!



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

CALL TO PRAYER

Now the Green Blade Riseth (excerpt)
French Carol, arr. Paul M. Vasile

**Chancel Choir
Brass & Organ**

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

John Shaver

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

Molly Vetter

GIVING BACK TO GOD

We invite you to give to our Easter offering this year, as an act of worship and generosity. You can give to the Community UMC in Pacific Palisades at www.palisadesmethodist.org. You can give to Westwood UMC's Easter Offering through this QR Code or at www.westwoodumc.org/give. Our Easter Offering goes to support the Echo Park Immigration Center, the 580 Cafe at UCLA, and our Good Samaritan Fund.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* **Chancel Choir, Organ**
 from Five Mystical Songs, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) **Brass, Timpani**
 arr. Peter Niedmann (b.1960), Text by George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
 The heavens are not too high,
 God's praise may thither fly;
 the earth is not too low,
 God's praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!*

*Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
 The church with psalms must shout:
 no door can keep them out.
 But, more than all, the heart
 must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UM Hymnal
No. 95

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first three staves end with a double bar line, and the fourth staff begins with a bracketed instruction '[brass fanfare]' followed by a triplet of eighth notes and then a whole note. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - MEN!'.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

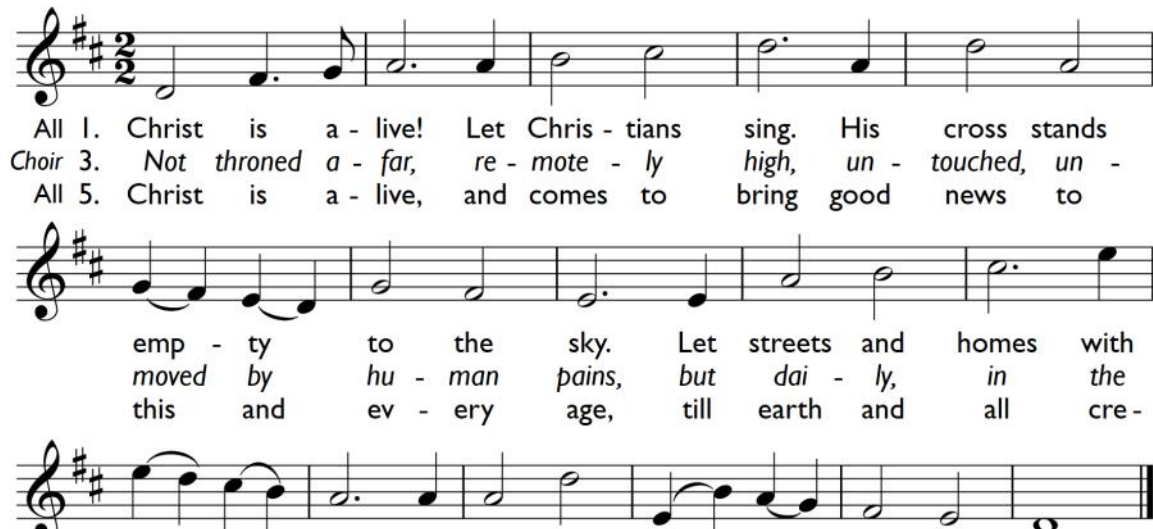
Christ is Alive

UMH No. 318

Please remain standing as you are able.

arr. for brass by Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Those who wish to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus
are invited to come forward during the hymn.



All 1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
Choir 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
All 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and all cre -
prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Molly Vetter

Please be seated.

EASTER HALLELUJAH

“Hallelujah” from Messiah

G. F. Handel (1685-1759), arr. for brass by Mark Garrabrant

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world
is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever
King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Hallelujah!

—Revelation 19: 6, 16 and 11:15 (KJV)

BENEDICTION

Molly Vetter

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” (from Symphony No. V)

Peter Fennema

Please remain seated.

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*
Westwood United Methodist Church

Rev. John Shaver, *Senior Pastor*
Community UMC of Pacific Palisades

Sanctuary Music Leadership

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

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

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

Brass Ensemble

Svend Lykkegaard & Peter Adam, *trumpets*
Henry Bond, *horn*
Callan Milani, *trombone*
Kyle Richter, *tuba*
Damion Frigillana, *timpani*

Guest Singers

Sophia Thompson (she/her), *soprano*
Vishaala Wilkinson (she/her), *alto*
Kevin Corrigan (he/him), *tenor*

Liturgists

Tonia Symensma-Cohen
Madison Shaver
Christine Odionu
Shirley Williams
Lydian Witt and Eliot Miller

Acolytes

Savanna Cohen & Eliot Miller, *Candlelighters*
Nathan Salyer, *Bible Bearer*
Oz Peterson, *Christ Candle*
Jonah Vetter Parker, *Crucifer*
Grace Worrel & Emery Salyer, *Butterflies (9am)*
Emma & Lauren Pang-Le, *Butterflies (11am)*

Production Team

Richard An (he/him), *Videography & Sound*
Guillermo Gonzalez (he/him), *Videography*
Eli Reynolds (he/him), *Videography*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

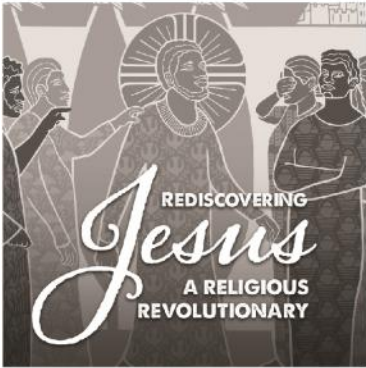
- Eunice, a friend of Nancy Griffin
- Allison Arnold
- Beverly Clajus' brother-in-law
- Bette Caldwell
- Charles, Sabrina, and Ruby Simmons
- Penny Gipson & Family
- Joyce Wu & Michael Javalera
- Gregg Hesling
- Sherry Burch
- Rhonda K. Lawrence
- Laquetta Willis
- Beverly & Brydon Shirk
- Nancy Hill
- Bonnie Crouch
- Coral Moore
- Jackie Vincent
- Jim Agee
- Christina Stevens & Family
- All those affected by the recent wildfires in Pacific Palisades and Eaton Canyon
- The people of Russia, Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Myanmar, and the Sudan.
- For our country as it faces turmoil.

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.



Today's guest musicians are made possible by the Friends of Sanctuary Music Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code or go to www.westwoodumc.org/FriendsOfMusic.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE LOFT

"The Kingdom of God" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter

Today, April 20th (11am) The Loft

We invite you to join our Loft community in the Sanctuary for an Easter Sunday Celebration featuring the **Singers of Soul Gospel Choir** as we reflect on the hope we find in the resurrection of Jesus. Throughout his entire earthly ministry, Jesus taught his followers that the kingdom of God had arrived that and now was the time for them to choose which kingdom they would serve, God or humanity. That Jesus was crucified tells us that he was executed by the rulers of the Kingdom of Rome, and that he was resurrected tells us that he was vindicated by God.



WISDOM AT WESTWOOD: SPIRITUALITY FOR THE EARTH

Sunday, April 27th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom

Pastor Molly Vetter will teach about how our faith gives us tools to better care for the earth, and how our care for the earth can help better practice our faith. This class continues our church celebration of Earth Day, and builds on our ongoing commitment to care for our planet.



NEW BOOK GROUP: THE BOOK OF LONGINGS

Tuesdays starting April 22nd (12:30-1:30pm) Westwood UMC

Wednesdays starting April 23rd (7:30-8:30pm) Zoom

The plan is to cover about 100 pages per week and aim for a four-week book group. We will be using discussion questions found at the back of the teacher's edition as a starting point for our conversations. All are welcome to participate. To sign up, contact Dr. Carter at christopher@theloftla.org.



JOIN US IN MAY FOR "REVELATION OF HOPE."

The apocalyptic book of Revelation startles us with its vivid imagery. And while preachers and artists have frequently borrowed its images and themes to invoke fear, this Easter season we find someone wildly different: hope.

Join us on **Sundays at 9:30am in The Sanctuary** for a five-week series as Pastor Molly Vetter helps us disarm coercive and harmful theologies, and take up the power of hope in this biblical revelation of God's resurrection power.

May 4: Revelation of Hope - The Alpha and Omega

May 11: Revelation of Hope - Worthy is the Lamb

May 18: Revelation of Hope - Forever and ever. Amen.

May 25: Revelation of Hope - All things new.

June 1: Revelation of Hope - Come, Lord Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



AUTISM INTERACTIONS SOLUTIONS TRAINING

Sunday, April 27th (12noon) Upper Helms Hall

Come learn about working with and alongside neurodivergent people to help make Westwood a more welcoming and accessible place for all of us! Autism Interaction Solutions is an organization dedicated to providing engaging, hands-on training to assist communities in becoming better places for neurodivergent people. Join us and be a part of embracing diversity and inclusion at Westwood! This training is open to anyone interested. To RSVP or get more information, contact Everest Harvey at everest@westwoodumc.org.



QUEER GROUP

2nd & 4th Sundays (12noon) Church Courtyard

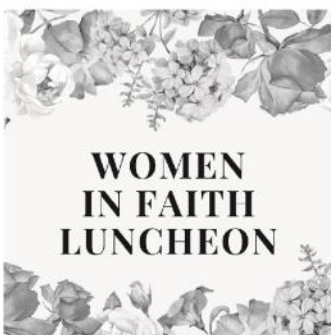
Join a community of spiritually engaged queer folks seeking conversation, connection, and growth together. For any questions or to learn more, contact Everest Harvey at everest@westwoodumc.org.



LA CIVICS PARTY

Sunday, May 18th (12noon) Wesley Room

Feeling overwhelmed by the state of politics and unsure about what YOU can do? Join the Westwood LA Voice Organizing Team to learn about political organizing, the power of community, and engaging in local politics in a meaningful way. To join our LA Civics Lesson and engagement opportunity or for information about joining the Westwood Organizing Team, contact Everest at everest@westwoodumc.org.



WOMEN IN FAITH LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 24th (11am) Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Women In Faith potluck luncheon as we enjoy a short program and then lunch. Please RSVP to Sabrina Simmons at sabrina@westwoodumc.org.



2025 ORGAN CONCERT SERIES AT WESTWOOD UMC

Join us in person at Westwood UMC or via YouTube livestream for three 60-minute concerts performed on the landmark Shaffer Memorial Organ.

Peter Fennema - Sunday, June 15th (3pm)

Dr. Emma Whitten - Sunday, June 29th (3pm)

Jason Klein-Mendoza - Sunday, July 13th (3pm)

For more info and opportunities to provide financial support for the series, visit www.WestwoodUMC.org/OrganConcerts.

Easter Flower Dedications

We thank all those who contributed to the fund for Easter flowers and flowering plants to decorate the Chancel and Narthex this Easter.

Yinka Bamgbose	~In honor of my children - Rolake, Sinmi and Okerinola and their families ~Celebrating the birth of my granddaughter, Omotanwa Iara Bamgbose Woodley on Palm Sunday.
Pastor Catie Coots	~With love to Community UMC from Pastor Catie. Thanks you Westwood UMC for your hospitality
Karynn Dittmar	~In loving memory of Dorothy Limbach
Cheryl Downey	~In loving memory of my son, Christopher; my husband, Larry; and my mom, Ruth
Ruth Elin Drossel	~In memory of Michael Claridge
The Family of Ruth & Austin Gale	~In loving memory of Austin & Ruth Gale from their children and grandchildren.
Reg & Penny Gipson	~Honoring our parents Marjorie and Tracy Gipson, Luella and John Brandt, my brother, Johnny Brandt for his kindness and love he gave to others. ~In appreciation and love for our three sons and their wives. Christopher and Liz, Jonathan and Robin, Elliott and Rachel. ~For the joy and delight our grandchildren bring to each of us. Sarah & Emma, Charlie & Tegan, and Wesley, Henry & Simon. ~In appreciation and support of our community at WUMC.
Nancy Hill	~In honor of my granddaughters, Olivia Louise and Markie Ann ~In honor of Amanda Greene's graduation from Northeastern University
Karen Hodges	~Praise to the Lamb of God!
Betty & Ken Holden	~In celebration of our wonderful church family and ministry!
The Kishibay Family	~In celebration of Easter and in remembrance of beloved family members.
Rhonda K. Lawrence	~In loving memory of her parents, Keith and Mary Lawrence. and her sister, Jennifer Lynn Lawrence. ~In fond memory of her grandmother Lizzie, many aunts and uncles, and cousins.
Keith & Nancy Price	~In memory of our parents, James & WillaMae Price and Loren & Alice Jackson ~In honor of the next generation: Kathy Matheson & Jim MacMillan, and Rob & Katrina Matheson ~In honor of our glorious granddaughters, Petra and Raina Matheson

John & Nancy Richardson	~In honor of our WUMC family (including Veronica, Amelia, and Wesley), and friends.
Dorene & Paul Rutter	~In memory of our parents: Lucille Rutter, Bill & Sally Rutter, and Richard & Evelyn Opava
Steve & Debby Scherer	~In celebration of our wonderful grandchildren: Leo, Jacob, Max, Walter, and Grace. Happy Easter!
Pat & Chris Schmidt	~In memory of our family's angels at Eastertime
Brydon & Beverly Shirk	~In honor of our music staff and volunteers
Louise Spear	~In loving memory of my parents, Raymond & Silvery Spear
Tonia Symensma-Cohen	~In memory of Roger Lee Symensma ~In honor of Uriya Simeon and her faithful love and dedication to our Grapple group ~In honor of Everest Harvey and their inspiring leadership and love for our Grapple group
Pam Wall	~In loving memory of Dave Wall and in honor of Steve, Ryan and Dana ~In loving memory of my parents, Dean and Mary Jean Andrews
Pat Wood	~In memory of Dana

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.

WESTWOOD CHURCH

Rev. Molly Vetter.....Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter.....Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft
Dr. Deanna Edwards.....Director of Children & Families
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, 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
Hsin-Hua Wang.....Director of Children/Youth Choirs
Jaime Top.....Facilities Assistant
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Youth and Children's Ministry Staff: Maiya Alemania, Beverly Bell, Lesley Castillo, Fozieh Karimi, Ashley Kishibay, Emily Kishibay, Eva Hooten, and Uriya Simeon

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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.

The Sanctuary – 9:30am

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

More info: www.WestwoodUMC.org

The Loft – 10:30am

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

More info: 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 Deanna Edwards at deanna@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.

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