



The Sanctuary

June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror in the Mirror)

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935), trans. G.B. Mazza

Peter Fennema

WORDS OF WELCOME

Molly Vetter

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

HYMN

God Moves In a Mysterious Way

New Century Hymnal

Please stand as you are able.

No. 412

Solo 1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way great
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of
4. Judge not God's way through hu - man sense, but

won - ders to per - form; God plants firm foot - steps
nev - er - fail - ing skill God floods the earth with
trust un - fail - ing grace: Be - hind a frown - ing

in the sea and rides up - on the storm.
bright de - signs, guards with a sov - ereign will.
prov - i - dence there shines a smil - ing face.

Words: William Cowper, 1774; alt. (Ps. 77:19; Rom. 11:33-36)

Music: DUNDEE C.M. from The 150 Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615

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MORNING PRAYER

Uriya Simeon

Please be seated.

*Holy God,
By your word all things were created,
each in its allotted space and time.
You breathed life through your Spirit
and in the whisper of the wind we are reminded
of your Spirit's continual presence:
The Lord reigns let the earth be glad
Let the distant shores rejoice*

*The whole of creation declares your glory, Lord.
A symphony of sound and colour surround us
if we will for a moment stand with eyes and ears attuned.*

*The whole of humankind declares your glory, Lord.
Each precious child a unit of love
in the currency of your family.*

*Now in our worship help us declare your glory, Lord.
Give us voice to proclaim your Kingdom to the ends of the earth
your love to the highest mountain
your forgiveness to the depths of the sea. Amen.*

(inspired by Psalm 97)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY **INTERACTS** WITH THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

O for a Closer Walk with God

New English Hymnal
No. 414

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'I. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heaven-ly frame; A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)
Music: CAITHNESS; melody from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1635
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SCRIPTURE READING**Psalm 97****Judy Wessling**

*The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of
God's throne.*

*Fire goes before the Lord,
and burns up his adversaries round about.
The Lord's lightnings illumine the world;
the earth sees and trembles.*

*The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.*

*The heavens proclaim God's righteousness
and all the peoples behold God's glory.*

*All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before the Lord.*

*Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.*

*For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.*

*The Lord loves those who hate evil,
preserves the lives of his faithful,
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.*

*Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.*

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN**O for a Closer Walk with God****New English Hymnal
No. 414**

4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;

So pur-er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

SCRIPTURE READING**Revelation 22:12-21****Molly Vetter**

“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.*

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Revelation of Hope: Come, Lord Jesus!

Molly Vetter



CALL TO PRAYER

In a Landscape (excerpt)
John Cage (1912-1992)

Peter Fennema

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Jeanne Roe Smith
Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation

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**.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Morning Star
Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Chancel Choir

*Christ is the morning star,
who when the night of this world is past
brings to his saints the promise of the light of life
and opens everlasting day.*

-Prayer above the tomb of St Bede in Durham Cathedral

OFFERTORY RESPONSE***For the Healing of the Nations*****UM Hymnal****No. 428***Please stand as you are able.*

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907
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INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**Molly Vetter***Please stand as you are able.*

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

*Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Molly Vetter & Jeanne Roe Smith

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to God, concluding with: *with communities all around the world and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of Power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

We recall Christ's salvation and the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding with: *In union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the Spirit's presence in the bread and cup that we share, giving thanks for this divine presence, concluding with: *Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jeanne Roe Smith

**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.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Molly Vetter

COMMUNION

Communion is open to all people. You are invited to come forward as the ushers guide your row; please receive the bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten free bread is available. If you would like to be served in your seat, please send word to the ushers as they come to your row.



MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Chancel Choir

Blessed Are They

Larry L. Fleming

*Blessed are they which are called
to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.*

*Multitudes, clothed in white robes,
From every nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb
At the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.*

*They'll neither hunger nor thirst,
Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes.
By the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.*

*Blessing and honor, they cry,
Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood
In the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.*

*Servant, saint, martyr at rest,
Sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thunderously sing a new song
Of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.*

*Worthy art thou Lamb of God,
To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen!*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jeanne Roe Smith

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

View the Present Through the Promise

**Worship & Song
No.3048**



1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Trust de-spite the deep-en-ing dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit-ness, Christ will come a - gain.



Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing
Let your lov-ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for-giv-ing



in the hope past hope's con-ceiv-ing: Christ will come a - gain.
be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

Molly Vetter

BENEDICTION

Molly Vetter

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated.

Fugue in C Major ("Jig")
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Peter Fennema

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Pastoral Staff

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

Deaconess Jeanne Roe Smith (she/her)
Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA

Sanctuary Music Leadership

Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert (she/her), *Guest Conductor*
Peter Fennema (he/him), *Organist*

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

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

Guest Musicians

Lexy Jensen (she/her), *soprano*
Chloe Owens (she/her), *alto*
Abram Poliakoff (he/him), *tenor*
Carson Gilmore (he/him), *bass*

Liturgists

Uriya Simeon (she/her)
Judy Wessling (she/her)

Production Team

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

Altar Flowers

Given by Judy, Katherine, Jenni & Carolyn:
In loving memory of Bob Wessling.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- Shannon Guy
- Yvonne Newton
- Martin Clajus
- Pablo Jauregui
- Karen Camacho
- Amy, Josh Burch's fiancée
- Eunice, a friend of Nancy Griffin
- Beverly Clajus' brother-in-law
- Bette Caldwell
- Charles, Sabrina, and Ruby Simmons
- Sherry Burch
- Rhonda K. Lawrence
- Laquetta Willis
- Beverly & Brydon Shirk
- Nancy Hill
- Bonnie Crouch
- Jim Agee
- For all the international students in California and the US.
- 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 challenges.

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.

STAFF OUT TODAY

Dr. Andrew Schultz (he/him), *Dir. of Sanctuary Music*
Pablo Jauregui (he/him), *Facility Manager*
Byron Jones (he/him), *bass*

TODAY AT WESTWOOD CHURCH



IN THE IMAGE & LIKENESS OF GOD

THE LOFT

"Flesh That Needs Lovin'" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter
Today, June 1st (10:30am) The Loft

That human beings are created in the image and likeness of God has been a fundamental theological pillar in the history of Christianity. However, who images God and to what degree do they reflect God's image has been a consistent point of contention. In our current social and political moment, queer persons are now facing the same scrutiny over whether they image God in ways that mirror what Black, female, disabled, and other nonwhite bodies have, and still are, facing. So what do we Christians really mean when we say that human beings are created in the image of God?



WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

Wisdom at Westwood will not be meeting today, but the class will resume next Sunday, June 8th at 11am in the Wesley Room.

VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE

We are pleased to share that we've updated our Westwood UMC website, in hopes that it will make it easier for new folks to find us online, and easier for our folks to find helpful information (including our worship livestream, church calendar, and more).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRIDE MONTH WITH QUEER GROUP / FOUND FAMILY

- **West Hollywood Pride Parade - Sunday, June 1st (11:30am)** - Meet at Crescent Heights Boulevard between Santa Monica Blvd. and Fountain Ave. Our group is no. 82. Meet with Pastor Molly and others at 10:45am in the turnaround between Belmont Village and the Sanctuary to carpool.
- **Float Building - Saturday, June 7th (12noon)** - Meet at Hollywood UMC where we will be doing float building! Come by to help with construction and decorating.
- **LA Pride Parade - Sunday, June 8th (10:30am)** - Meet at Sunset & Highland. More information coming soon.

For more information on any of these events, reach out to Everest Harvey, Director of Youth & Social Justice Ministries at everest@westwoodumc.org



PRAYERFUL STITCHES

Saturday, June 7th (10:30am-12noon) The Loft

Sunday, June 8th (12noon-1:30pm) The Loft

Join Prayerful Stitches in The Loft as we gather to create and craft together, with prayers on every stitch Prayerful Stitches is an outreach ministry of the church, providing shawls for members and friends of our community who are struggling. The ministry is a tangible way for the rest of the community to lay on hands and pray for the recipients. Come for some great fellowship, crafting, and light potluck lunch. We can teach you to knit or crochet, and we have yarn, needles, and patterns. Join us at one or both! RSVP to Ellen Evans Agee at ebea9999@gmail.com or Nancy Hill at njhill88@gmail.com.

YOUTH SUNDAY

HEAR FROM OUR
GRADUATING SENIORS

YOUTH SUNDAY - JUNE 8th

This Pentecost, we celebrate Youth Sunday - in addition to hearing from our graduating High School seniors, our Grapple Group will lead worship in both the Sanctuary and the Loft. We are excited to center the voices of our young people in worship!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

4TH GRADE BIBLES *
CELEBRATING GRADS

PROMOTION SUNDAY - JUNE 15th

On Father's Day, we will celebrate Promotion Sunday, when our young people officially move up to their new grade; we will present Bibles to our new 4th graders, and celebrate people who are graduating at all levels. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please send information (their name, the school and level/degree/program they are completing) to Sabrina Simmons at sabrina@westwoodumc.org by June 10th.

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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.



SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT TRIP PLANNED FOR JULY

We are excited that 25 people plan to be a part of our Sierra Service Project trip this summer - 20 youth and 5 adults! They will travel to San Diego's South Bay for a week of service work, addressing issues like poverty, immigration, and the environment near the US/Mexico border. We welcome contributions from the congregation to help underwrite the cost of the group's travel, as well as the registration cost of the adult volunteers. Scan the QR code to make a donation online or mark your gift for "SSP."



FOUND FAMILY POWERPOINT PARTY

Sunday, June 29th (12-2pm) Wesley Room

It's a party where people are invited to create a short presentation on any topic of their choosing (the sillier the better) and present it to the group. It can be your secret obsession, your favorite things, a ranking of things you hate, the possibilities are endless. You are welcome to attend and bring a presentation, join us just to watch, or (bonus points for this one) create a presentation with your Found Family Buddy. Wouldn't that be special! If you need any tips on creating a presentation or if you want to brainstorm, reach out to your Found Family Buddy or Everest Harvey at everest@westwoodumc.org.



SPONSOR SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Ever thought about sponsoring the flowers on the altar? It's a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a special event or milestone, or just make the Sanctuary space more beautiful! Cost is \$95. You can even partner with a friend, committee, or other church group to help defray the cost. For more info or to sign up for a specific Sunday, please contact Sabrina Simmons at sabrina@westwoodumc.org or 310.474.4511.

WESTWOOD CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter.....Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft
Dr. Deanna Edwards.....Director of Children & Families
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Hsin-Hua Wang.....Director of Children/Youth Choirs
Jaime Top.....Facilities Assistant
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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.

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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