



# The Sanctuary

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

## PRELUDE

**Invitation to Quiet No. 2**  
Clarence Mader (1919-1971)

**Peter Fennema**

## WELCOME

**Diana Holbert**

*The Lord is with you.*  
**And also with you.**

## HYMN

**Easter People, Raise Your Voices United Methodist Hymnal  
No. 304**

*Please stand as you are able.*

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heav - en in  
2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;  
here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heav - en - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

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## MORNING PRAYER

Everest Harvey

Please be seated.

Christ Jesus,  
we come into your presence  
from many different places.  
We come with songs of joy  
and shouts of gratitude.  
We come carrying heavy burdens  
and sighs of suffering.  
As you welcome us into your house,  
lift our burdens  
and receive our praise.  
Salt us with your grace  
and flavor us with your mercy.  
Bind us together,  
that we may be at peace with one another  
and be strengthened to go forth  
in service to the world.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Uriya Simeon

THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

## HYMN

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

The Faith We Sing  
No. 2213

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

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Tune: HEALER OF OUR EVERYILL  
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LEADERS: *You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain: All, see above]*

*But now thus says the Lord,  
the One who created you, O Jacob,  
the One who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, and you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
For you are precious in my sight  
and honored and I love you.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."  
Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes,  
who are deaf yet have ears!  
Let all the nations gather together,  
and let the peoples assemble.  
Who among them declared this  
and foretold to us the former things?  
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,  
and let them hear and say, "It is true."*

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

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**The Faith We Sing  
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Refrain

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give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.

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LEADERS: *In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain: All, see above]*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**James 5:13-15**

**Diana Holbert**

*Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.*

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LEADERS: *You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain: All, see above]*

**SERMON**

**“Curing or Healing”**

**Diana Holbert**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**Freedom Come (excerpt)**

Ben Allaway (b. 1958)

**Sanctuary Singers**

*Inside these walls, come, one and all.  
Come with your burden, we will share your burden.  
Come with your sorrow, we will share your sorrow.  
Healing come, Healing come,  
Sing it away, Hallelujah.*

*Inside these walls, come, one and all.  
Come for the healing, we will pray for healing.  
Come for forgiveness, we all need forgiveness.  
Healing come, Healing come.  
Sing it away, Hallelujah.*

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD**

**Janet Hoskins**

**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**

**Diana Holbert**

**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**

**Alleluia Fugue**

**Chancel Choir**

J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. and text by Jack North

*Praise the Lord and sing unto thy holy name.  
Alleluia, sing alleluia. Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord and let the earth and heaven sing.  
Alleluia, sing alleluia. Alleluia!  
O let us sing a song of joy.  
Praise the Lord and let the joyful music ring.  
Alleluia, sing alleluia. Alleluia!*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**United Methodist Hymnal  
No. 94**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-  
low: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our  
gifts! Praise Jes-us Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly  
Spirit! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Diana Holbert**

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

## HYMN

*Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go*

**New English Hymnal  
No. 235**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
5. Give me to bear thy ea - sy yoke, And ev - ery  
6. For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy Whate'er thy  
la - bour to pur - sue; Thee, on - ly thee, re - solved to  
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e - ter - nal  
boun - teous grace hath given, And run my course with ev - en  
know, In all I think or speak or do.  
look, And hast - en to thy glor - ious day;  
joy, And close - ly walk with thee to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)  
Music: SONG 34 (ANGELS' SONG), melody and bass  
by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diana Holbert**

*Please be seated.*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated.*

## *Alleluyas*

Simon Preston (1938-2022)

**Peter Fennema**

## PARTICIPATING TODAY

### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert (she/her), *Minister of Care*  
Everest Harvey (they/them), *Dir., Youth & Social Justice*  
*Ministries*

### **Program Staff**

Uriya Simeon, *Asst. Dir., Children & Youth Ministries*

### **Sanctuary Music Leadership**

Dr. Andrew Schultz, *Dir. of Sanctuary Music*  
Peter Fennema, *Organist*

### **Chancel Choir Section Leaders**

Trinity Del Regno (she/her), *soprano*  
Carmen Edano (she/her), *alto*  
Taylor Jacobs (he/him), *tenor*  
Byron Jones (he/him), *bass*

### **Guest Singers**

Shreya Ghoshal, *alto*  
Brian McCormick, *tenor*

### **Liturgists**

Rev. Dr. John Holbert  
Janet Hoskins

### **Production Team**

Leila Jay Bishop (they/them), *sound*  
Guillermo Gonzalez (he/him), *videography*  
Eli Reynolds (he/him), *videography*

## STAFF OUT TODAY

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*  
Georgia Madland (she/her), *choral scholar*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### **New Prayer Requests**

- Earle Hager

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

- Jage Schiff
- Anna Lee
- Ruby Simmons
- Tanya Trevisan
- Alex Hodges
- Linda Dannison
- Maggie Fitzgerald
- Coral Moore
- Kenneth Lange
- Eunice
- Nancy Hill
- Paul Rutter
- Pablo Jauregui
- Hapi Veikune & family
- Kelly O'Brien
- Brydon Shirk & Family
- Jim Agee
- Patricia Barlow
- Bette Caldwell
- Amy & Josh Burch
- Bonnie Crouch
- Claudia Zuniga & Family
- The people in the Middle East, Venezuela, Russia, Ukraine, Myanmar, and the Sudan.
- For our country as it continues to face 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.

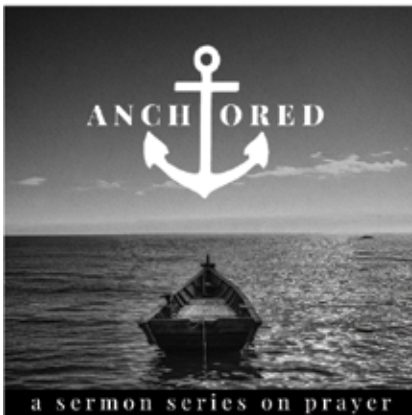
To submit a prayer request, please go to  
[www.westwoodumc.org/care](http://www.westwoodumc.org/care).

## WESTWOOD UMC MISSION STATEMENT

Westwood United Methodist Church is an intergenerational Christian community committed to radical inclusivity, justice, compassion, and growing Jesus' beloved community.

In worship and beyond, we invite you to connect with others in our community through our ministries, events, and groups. We are grateful to be a church that includes and celebrates people of all ages and races, abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### THE LOFT

**"Charting Our Inward Sea" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter  
Today, April 12th (10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft**

What is prayer and what is its purpose? In this first week of our three-week series on prayer, we explore some answers to these questions by reflecting on the community in Thessalonica and the Apostle Paul's encouragement that they "pray without ceasing."



### WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

**"Neurodivergencies & Resources" - Rev. Blair Trygstad Stowe  
Today, April 12th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom**

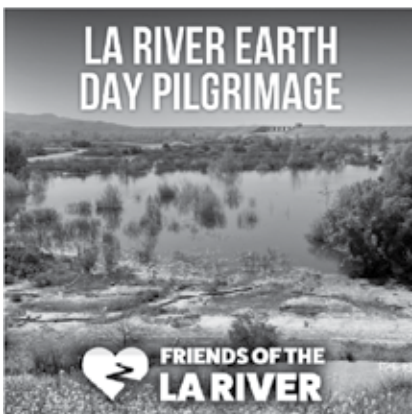
Rev. Blair will share her experiences of parenting an autistic child. From diagnosis, to school access, and even the discovery of her own neurodivergence, the journey has been challenging, beautiful, and spiritually enlightening. Rev. Blair Trygstad Stowe is an ordained Elder in the Cal-Pac Conference. She serves as Assistant Dean for Co-Curricular Development and Assistant professor in the practice of ministry at the Claremont School of Theology. She is recognized as Public Theologian in Residence at Westwood UMC and is a regular contributor to The Progressive Christians Podcast.



### NEW MEMBER CLASS & LUNCH

**Sunday, April 19th (12noon) Helms Hall**

Are you interested in joining our Westwood UMC church community as an official member? We'd love to share more about our community, and learn more about you! Join Pastor Molly and Dr. Carter for a New Member Class and Lunch. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



### LA RIVER EARTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

**Saturday, April 18th (8am-12noon)  
Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve  
6350 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys**

Join us as we participate in the Friends of the LA River Habitat Restoration Day and have a group discussion about the history of the LA River and some other LA-based environmental justice topics. Scan the QR code to register and contact Sabrina Simmons at [sabrina@westwoodumc.org](mailto:sabrina@westwoodumc.org) to let her know you'll be joining us.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### GRAPPLE'S 2ND ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**Friday, April 17th (5-7:30pm)**

Middle and high schoolers are invited to participate in a church-wide scavenger hunt involving strategy, teamwork, and hijinks. Any adults interested in helping with setup and egg-hiding are invited to show up at 4pm. Food will be served, and we will be hanging out from 5-5:30pm. Teams will be formed and the hunt will begin at 5:45pm sharp. Points will be tallied and winners will be crowned following the search. If you have any questions, contact Everest Harvey, our Director of Youth Ministry and Social Justice, at [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).



### SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVIE CLUB - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, April 24th (5:30pm) Wesley Room**

Everyone is invited to watch WALL-E! Snacks and pizza will be served, and the movie starts at 6pm. If you have any questions, contact Everest Harvey, our Director of Youth Ministry and Social Justice, at [everest@westwoodumc.org](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).



### 580 CAFE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, April 25th (5-7pm) St. Alban's Church (580 Hilgard Ave., LA)**

As 580 Cafe turns 16, we celebrate the love that has sustained this ministry from its very beginning. For 16 years, students have found nourishment, belonging, and hope with this community. For generations of students, 580 is their place where they can exhale, be seen, and be reminded of their inherent worth. That love is made visible through every shared meal, every act of compassion, every person who shows up to serve, and the generous donors who make it all possible. We are deeply grateful for the students. We look forward to honoring these last 16 years by continuing to love boldly together.



### SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2026

Our Grapple Group is going to Northern Arizona in the Navajo Nation for our Sierra Service Project trip in July 11-19, 2026! There will be an overnight drive on both ends of the trip. Incoming seventh graders and older youth are welcome to come. This summer we are going to an intergenerational week, which means if any college-age or young people are interested in attending they are ALSO WELCOME this year! And, we are looking for older adult chaperones, too--please reach out to Everest if you would like to know more. The cost of participating is \$650, including a \$200 deposit to sign up. Westwood UMC welcomes donations from the congregation to help with covering the cost of vehicles, travel breakfast and dinner, and chaperone participation. You can send in a deposit or make a donation at [www.WestwoodUMC.org.Give](http://www.WestwoodUMC.org.Give).

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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](mailto:sabrina@westwoodumc.org) or 310.474.4511.



### 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. Join the response team at [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).



### 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.

- Canned Goods (tuna, chicken, pasta sauce, coconut milk, soup, chili)
- Beans (black, red, butter, refried)
- Pasta (any shape, box or bag)
- Easy Mac n Cheese (individual cups)
- Snacks individually packaged (granola bars, snack bars, chips, cheese crackers, trail mix)
- Cup of Noodles (individual cups), Ramen, Nori
- Grocery Cards (\$10-\$25) Ralphps, Trader Joes, Target



### WESTWOOD KIDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Keeping our kids happy and safe is our goal. Our policy is to have two adults in each classroom at all times, including the nursery. The second person in the room with the teacher does not need special training or preparation, just a love of children and willingness to be present with us for an hour or two...about six times a year during The Sanctuary or The Loft gathering times. If you would enjoy volunteering in this easy and delightful way, contact Deanna Edwards, Dir. of Children's Ministries, at [deanna@westwoodumc.org](mailto:deanna@westwoodumc.org) or 765-620-4280.

# WESTWOOD CHURCH

Rev. Molly Vetter.....Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter.....Associate Pastor/Pastor of The Loft  
Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert.....Minister of Care  
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  
Trinity Del Regno, Carmen Edano, Taylor Jacobs, Byron Jones.....Chancel Choir Section Leaders  
Sabrina Simmons.....Office Manager  
Pablo Jauregui.....Facilities Manager  
Gabrielle Grubbs.....Loft Music and Worship Director  
Westley Garcia.....Director of Loft Connections  
Uriya Simeon.....Assistant Director of Children and Youth Ministries  
Isabel Kilroe.....Director of Children's Arts  
Jaime Top.....Facilities Assistant  
David Trotter.....Communications  
Youth & Children's Ministry Staff: Beverly Bell, Lesley Castillo, Fozieh Karimi, Ashley Kishibay, and Emily Kishibay

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 Deanna Edwards at [deanna@westwoodumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:everest@westwoodumc.org).

## Westwood Church

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## Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
(9am - 1pm)

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