



The Sanctuary



June 7, 2026

Promotion Sunday

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Veni Creator"

Peter Fennema

Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Cantemos al Señor

UM Hymnal
No. 149

Please stand as you are able.

Solo 1. Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le -
All 2. Let's sing un - to the Lord a hymn of glad re -

grí - a, u cán - ti - co de a - more al na -
joic - ing. Let's sing a hymn of love, at the

cer el nue - vo dí - a. Él hi - zo el cie - lo, el
new day's fresh be - gin - ning. God made the sky a -

mar, el sol y las es - tre - llas y
bove, the stars, the sun, the o - ceans; and

vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran
God saw it was good, for those works were filled with

be - llas. ¡A - le - lu - ya!
beau - ty. Al - le - lu - ia!

!A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al - Se -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Let's sing un - to the

ñor. !A - le - lu - - - ya!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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 Music: ROSAS, Carlos Rosas; arr. by Raquel Mora Martínez
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MORNING PRAYER

Nancy Price

Please be seated.

*Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself,
 Infuse your people with trust
 So that as you have given life to your people throughout the ages,
 We too might know the true healing that comes from your steadfast word,
 Through Christ Jesus, our Savior.
 Amen.*

-from "Feasting on the Word," Kimberly Bracken Long, editor

**CHILDREN'S TIME/PROMOTION SUNDAY BLESSING Molly Vetter, Everest Harvey
 Deanna Edwards & Uriya Simeon**

Grad School

Eva Deanna Hooten (granddaughter of Jim & Deanna Edwards)
 Masters in Education, University of Santa Cruz.

High School

Aaron Starbuck (son of Ann & Alan Starbuck)
 Loyola High School. Attending Loyola Marymount University

Nola Wood (Pat Wood's granddaughter)
 Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium secondary school (high school) in Leipzig, Germany.

Josie Marie Hooten (granddaughter of Jim & Deanna Edwards)
 LA County High School for the Arts (LACHSA). Attending UCLA

Addie Shiflett (daughter of Bobbi & Owen Shiflett)
 Culver City High School. Attending UT Austin

Sharon Tam (daughter of Agnes Wong)
 Mission Vista Academy in Riverside. Attending Santa Ana College

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO NEW 4TH GRADERS

**Kyle Burres
Nora Canales
Esme Chan
Lydia Figueroa
Emma Lee
Eva Liu**

**Bel London
Roag Miller
Henry Reed
Jacob Scherer
Parker Stevens
Simon Worrel**

Congregational Response:

**We pray God will guide you as you use this Holy Bible.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

SENIOR SPEAKER

Sharon Tam

THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

O Christ, the Healer

**United Methodist Hymnal
No. 265**

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'O Christ, the Healer'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'I. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?'. The second and third staves continue the melody with similar note values and lyrics.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33:1-12

Denise Freese

*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!
Delight in praise, O you upright!
Praise the Lord with the lyre,
make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
Upright is the word of the Lord,
whose work is done in faithfulness.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.*

The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle
 and put the deeps in storehouses.
 Let all the earth fear the Lord,
 let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!
 For the Lord spoke, and it came to be;
 the Lord commanded, and it stood forth.
 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing
 and frustrates the plans of the peoples.
 The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
 the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.
 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
 the people whom the Lord has chosen as a heritage!

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Molly Vetter

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Thanks be to God.

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5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -
mun - i - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

SERMON

Unlikely and Liberating

Molly Vetter



CALL TO PRAYER

Variation on "Veni Creator"
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Peter Fennema

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Diana Holbert

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

Pie Jesu
Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Sanctuary Singers

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem,
dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem.*

Merciful Jesus, Lord, give them rest,
merciful Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**UM Hymnal
No. 94**

Please stand as you are able.

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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: LASSST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Molly Vetter

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

**Loving God, too often we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you.
 We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.
 We fail to recognize ways that our systems diminish the humanity of us all.
 Open our hearts to recognize your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name.
 Amen.**

*Though we wander, God searches us out.
 God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer.
 Receive this good news:
 God pardons our sin and frees us to boldly love
 And joyfully serve God and neighbor.*

**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 & Diana Holbert

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

**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 as the ushers guide your row; please receive the bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten free wafers are available in the front. 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

Lynn Woods

“Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again” from *The Phantom of the Opera*

Andrew Lloyd Webber, text by Charles Hart

You were once my one companion,
You were all that mattered.

You were once a friend and father,
Then my world was shattered.

Wishing you were somehow here again.
Wishing you were somehow near;
Sometimes it seemed if I just dreamed,
Somehow you would be here.

Wishing I could hear your voice again,
Knowing that I never would.

Dreaming of you won't help me to do,
All that you dreamed, I could.

Passing bells and sculpted angels,
Cold and monumental.

Seem for you the wrong companions;
You were warm and gentle.

Too many years fighting back tears,
Why can't the past just die?

Wishing you were somehow here again,
Knowing we must say goodbye.

Try to forgive, teach me to live,
Give me the strength to try.

No more memories, no more silent tears,
No more gazing across the wasted years.
Help me say goodbye!

—dedicated to Lynn's father, William (Bill) Ohrner who passed away November 1965 at the age of 44. He was full of life and laughter.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

Become to Us the Living Bread

UM Hymnal
No. 630

Please stand as you are able.

1. Be - come to us the liv - ing bread by which the Chris - tian
2. Be - come the nev - er - fail - ing wine, the spring of joy that
3. May Chris - tians all with one ac - cord u - nite a - round the

life is fed, re - newed, and great - ly com - fort - ed:
shall in - cline our hearts to bear the cov - enant sign:
sa - cred board to praise your ho - ly name, O Lord:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Miriam Drury, 1970 (Jn. 6:35-58)
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harm. from *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

Molly Vetter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated.

Prelude and Fugue in F, BuxWV 145

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

Peter Fennema

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Diana Holbert (she/her), *Minister of Care*

Sanctuary Music Leadership

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

Sanctuary Singers

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

Liturgists

Denise Freese
Nancy Price

Production Team

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Given in celebration of the yesterday's wedding of
Everest and Uriya Harvey-Davis.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- The Family of Nancy Karrenbrock
- Paul Rutter
- Ish-Shan Sun
- Bukola Gbadamosi
- Subie Green
- Judy Wessling
- Jage Schiff
- Anna Lee
- Alex Hodges
- Linda Dannison
- Maggie Fitzgerald
- Coral Moore
- Kenneth Lange
- Eunice
- Nancy Hill
- Pablo Jauregui
- Hapi Veikune & family
- Kelly O'Brien
- Jim Agee
- Patricia Barlow
- Bette Caldwell
- Amy & Josh Burch
- Bonnie Crouch
- 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.**

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

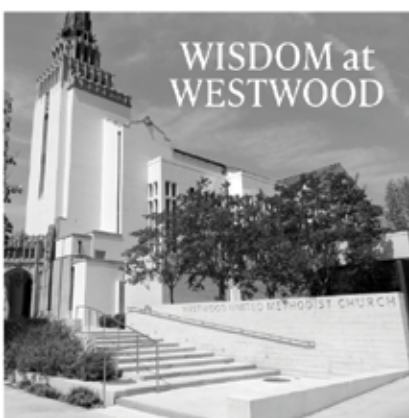


THE LOFT

"Now You See Me" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter

Today, June 7th(10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft

The way we read the Bible is filtered through the lens of our experience. Our interpretive lens determines what we do and what we do not see. This Sunday, we begin our Pride month sermon series by learning how a queer hermeneutic can help us to see what has always been there.

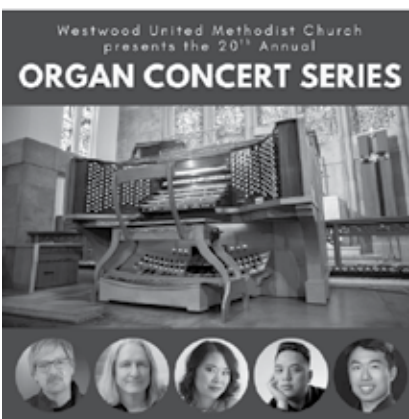


WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

"All About Confirmation" - Rev. Molly Vetter

Today, June 7th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom

Pastor Molly and students from our 2026 Confirmation cohort will share about their experience in Christian formation during this past year.



2026 ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

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 14th (3pm)*

Christoph Bull, Organ with Mezzo-Soprano I-Chin-Lee

Sunday, June 28th (3pm)

Piano/Organ Duo Sean Wang-Tange & Brandon Zhao

Sunday, July 12th (3pm)*

* June 14 and July 12 concerts will be live-streamed and available for later viewing on YouTube.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE: ASTONISH!

Our California-Pacific Annual Conference will meet June 17-20 in La Quinta, CA; this regular meeting of our regional church focuses on our mission: Ending Spiritual and Physical Hunger. Our theme this year honors that God is still astonishing us! In addition to our appointed clergy leaders, Rev. Molly Vetter and Dr. Christopher Carter, lay members from Westwood will include Ellen Evans Agee, Rachel Gipson, Everest Harvey, Mariandrea Patel, Denise Freese, and Louise Spear. Additionally, all the clergy with Charge Conference Membership at Westwood will participate. You can follow the Conference proceedings online at www.calpacumc.org/about/ac2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND CHANCES & CURES FOR CANCER RUMMAGE SALE



SECOND CHANCES & CURES FOR CANCER RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 20th at Denise Freese's home

If it doesn't spark joy... Your trash might be someone else's treasure. Get that spring cleaning done while it's still spring, and donate your clothing, kitchenware, baby gear, furniture, books to a great cause. The CureSearch mission is to end children's cancer by driving targeted and innovative research in an accelerated time frame. WUMC members Keri Fitzgerald, Denise Freese, and Sarah Hansen are on a hiking team raising funds for this great cause and are organizing the sale, which will be at Denise Freese's home on June 20th. Reach out to any of them for more information, to donate and even arrange for a pick up. Fund the research. Find the cure. Because kids with cancer can't wait.



SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT - DONATIONS WELCOME

Our Grapple Group is going to Northern Arizona in the Navajo Nation for our Sierra Service Project trip in 2026! We will be traveling from July 11-19, staying in Teec Nos Pos, Arizona. This summer we are going to an intergenerational week, and our group of 25 will include 19 youth, and 1 college-age student. Westwood UMC welcomes donations from the congregation to help with covering the cost of vehicles, travel breakfast and dinner, and chaperone participation. You can make a donation to support the trip by mail, offering plate, or online at www.WestwoodUMC.org.Give.



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.



CONNECT WITH OUR MINISTRIES

Join a Small Group: We have neighborhood groups in Westwood and Culver City, and groups for Young Adults, Men, Queer Folks, and People of Color. Contact Westley Garcia at westley@theloft.org for details.

Join a Social Justice Group: Contact Everest at everest@westwoodumc.org to join our Social Justice Team, our Community Advocacy Team, or our Social Justice Movie Club.

Join Care Ministries: Contact Pastor Diana Holbert at diana@westwoodumc.org to connect with any of our care ministry teams, including meal trains, visitation volunteers, and more.

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

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 exploring God's world using multiple teaching approaches. Join us in The Sanctuary at 9:30am, including a children's time, followed by our own morning together in our children's area until 12noon. 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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