



The Sanctuary

June 21, 2026

4th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Duo en dors de chasses sur la Trompette and Trio

Peter Fennema

Jean-François Dandrieu (c.1682-1738)

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

UM Hymnal

Please stand as you are able.

No. 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3. In Christ is neith - er Jew or Greek, and
him no south or north; but one great fel - low -
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

WORDS: Ss. 1,2,4, John Oxenham, 1913; st. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987 (Gal. 3:28)
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MORNING PRAYER

Jo Schiff

Please be seated.

Holy and gracious God,
Your steadfast love abides with your people in every age.
You teach us to trust in you
And call us to live in peace with one another.
Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear,
Knowing the true worth of your creation,
Including ourselves;
In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Vetter

SENIOR SPEAKER

Sharon Tam

THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

This is My Song

UM Hymnal
No. 437



1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

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SCRIPTURE READING**Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17****John Holbert**

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
 for I am poor and needy.
 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
 save your servant who trusts in you.
 You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord,
 for to you do I cry all day long.
 Gladden the soul of your servant,
 for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
 abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
 listen to my cry of supplication.
 In the day of my trouble I call on you,
 for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
 nor are there any works like yours.
 All the nations you have made shall come
 and bow down before you, O Lord,
 and shall glorify your name.
 For you are great and do wondrous things;
 you alone are God.
 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
 give your strength to your servant;
 save the child of your maidservant.
 Show me a sign of your favor,
 so that those who hate me
 may see it and be put to shame,
 because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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

HYMN**This is My Song****UM Hymnal
No. 437**

2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
 but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

*For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.*

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN

This is My Song

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No. 437**

3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms;
Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO PRAYER

Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord (excerpt)

Sanctuary Singers

William Byrd (c.1539-1623)

*Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear us.
Let thine anger cease from us.*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Denise Freese

You are invited to join in this responsive refrain during the prayer:

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

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 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

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Carmen Edano

Charles Gabriel (1856-1932), arr. Mervyn Warren (b. 1964)

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart feel lonely and yearn for heaven and home?
When Jesus is my portion my constant friend is he,
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.*

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me.*

-words by Civilla Martin (1866-1948)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

**UM Hymnal
No. 94**

Please stand as you are able.

Musical notation for the hymn 'Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow'. The score is written on four staves in a 3/2 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 below: Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus 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

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GOES OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Worship & Song
No. 3043

Please stand as you are able.



1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both
3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our
prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
at God's side. You, who preach the way that's nar - row,
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory.
of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er -
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er -
Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er -
last - ing in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
last - ing in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
last - ing in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

Molly Vetter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated.

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
Jean-François Dandrieu (c.1682-1738)

Peter Fennema

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Pastoral Staff

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

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
Rev. Dr. John Holbert
Jo Schiff

Production Team

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

Altar Flowers

Given by **Yinka Bamgbose & Family** *in memory of Jimi Bamgbose, beloved husband, father and grandfather, on the 18th anniversary of his passing into Glory. And in celebration of all fathers and father figures in the WUMC community on this Father's Day.*

Given by **Deanna & Jim Edwards** *"in celebration of our 62nd wedding anniversary."*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

New Requests

- Diana Park

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- Paul Rutter
- Dick Sun & Family
- Bukola Gbadamosi
- Judy Wessling
- Jage Schiff
- Maggie Fitzgerald
- Nancy Hill
- Pablo Jauregui
- Hapi Veikune & family
- Linda Dannison
- Coral Moore
- Eunice
- Jim Agee
- Patricia Barlow
- Bette Caldwell
- 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.

TODAY AT WESTWOOD UMC



THE LOFT

"Baptized into a Found Family" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter
Today, June 21st (10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft

The Bible tells us that when Jesus was baptized, he heard a voice from heaven declare, "This is my Son whom I dearly love." In the story of Jesus' baptism and temptation, we see the triumph of vulnerability over toxic masculinity and the beginnings of a found family that can survive temptation and thrive as their authentic selves.



WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

"A Vetter Way of Farming" - Pastor Molly Vetter
Today, June 21st (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom

Pastor Molly offers insights and lessons from her extended family's decades-long experiment in organic farming on their central Nebraska farm, The Grain Place. Currently run by the non-profit Grain Place Foundation, the 280 acre farm uses a 9-year crop rotation, growing corn, popcorn, soybeans, and barley, as well as raising cattle and pigs.



PARABLE PLAY - WESTWOOD KIDS SUMMER PLANS

Sundays Starting June 21st (9:30am - 12noon)

Our kids will experience music and movement, art, songs, special snacks, dramas, crafts and a Godly Play gold-box story, including a time for wonder, silence, and response activities. This wonderful program is based on our Godly Play series of 6 parables of Jesus: *The Good Shepherd*, *The Good Samaritan*, *The Great Pearl*, *The Sower*, *The Leaven*, and *The Mustard Seed*. We will have fun telling these stories in several delightful ways! But wait, there's more: We will follow these six great weeks with the intriguing new 4-part series we call *The Greatest Parable*. Does this seem a little bit like a mystery? Well, as we say every Sunday . . . "I wonder!" For more information, contact Deanne Edwards at deanne@westwoodumc.org.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



VIRTUAL STAINED GLASS TOUR OF THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, June 28th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom

Get a closer look at the stained glass in the Sanctuary and learn about the stories they tell. Nancy Price will lead a virtual tour of the 16 windows and show how each one illustrates a different characteristic of Jesus Christ.



2026 ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

Join us at Westwood UMC for three free 60-minute concerts performed on the landmark Shaffer Memorial Organ.

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

Sunday, June 28th (3pm) In person only

Piano/Organ Duo Sean Wang-Tange & Brandon Zhao

Sunday, July 12th (3pm) In person and via YouTube livestream



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, July 10th (7:10pm) Dodger Stadium

Join us for a great time at the game on Black Heritage Night - hosted by CAL-PAC BMCR. Tickets are \$55 per person, and you can make checks payable to "Cal-Pac BMCR" and mail to Mack Hall, PO Box 9042, Inglewood, CA 90305. The deadline to order is Sunday June 28th, and tickets will be sent to your cell phone. To indicate that you'll be attending, contact Ellen Evans Agee at ebea9999@gmail.com.



TRAINING FOR CARE: BEING HEARD, BEING HELPED, BEING HELD

Sunday, August 30th (12-1:45pm) Helms Hall

Have you ever wondered what to say to a person in crisis? Or how to show God's love when someone's world is falling apart? This August, our Care Ministry is offering lunch and training for everyone in the church, from teenagers to elders, in order to help supply the support you need to support others. To sign up to attend, contact Sabrina Simmons at sabrina@westwoodumc.org.

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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.



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 or 765-620-4280.



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 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) Ralphs, Trader Joes, Target

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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(9am - 1pm)

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