



The Sanctuary



June 28, 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Lord God, Now Open The Heavens" Peter Fennema
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HYMN

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

**UM Hymnal
No. 480**

Please stand as you are able.



1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thru the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

WORDS: George Matheson, 1882
MUSIC: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1884
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MORNING PRAYER

Everest Harvey-Davis

Please be seated.

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent
And patiently love us beyond all measure.
Great is your faithfulness.
May we offer that same kindness
To all whom we encounter,
Knowing it is Christ whom we greet
As we welcome others.
As we hear your Word this day,
Send your Spirit to equip and inspire us,
That your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives.
Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY INTERACTS WITH THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

Do Not Be Afraid

Glory to God
No. 76

Refrain sung by all:

Refrain

Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -
loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -
deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

The musical notation is for a single melodic line in treble clef, 2/2 time signature, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of three lines of music. The first line ends with a fermata over the final note. The second line also ends with a fermata. The third line ends with a fermata over the final note.

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SOLOIST: Look up, a new thing I'm doing;
it springs forth; look and see it grow.
Through wilderness I'll make a level highway;
through deserts, make streams and rivers flow. **[REFRAIN: sung by all]**

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?
 How long must I bear pain in my soul,
 and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
 How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
 lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him;"
 lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
 my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
 I will sing to the Lord,
 for the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.*

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

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SOLOIST: *I am God, who blots out your transgressions;
 for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
 Only this much I ask, that you love me
 and seek me and honor my name. [REFRAIN: sung by all]*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

Molly Vetter

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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SOLOIST: *The Lord, the Holy One of Israel
 has promised to lead us on our way,
 and we who love and worship God our Maker
 will listen to hear the Spirit say: [REFRAIN: sung by all]*

SERMON

Welcomed & Loved

Molly Vetter

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO PRAYER

Abide With Me (excerpt)

Sanctuary Singers

William Monk (1823-1889), arr. Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

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

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

Cantique

Trinity Del Regno

Nadia Boulanger (1887-1979), Text by Maurice Maeterlinck (1862-1949)

English translation by David Fetter

*À toute âme qui pleure,
À tout péché qui passe,
J'ouvre au sein des étoiles
Mes mains pleines de grâces.*

*Il n'est péché qui vive
Quand l'amour a parlé;
Il n'est d'âme qui meure
Quand l'amour a pleuré*

To every soul that weeps
To every sin inflicted
I extend in the stars
My hands full of grace.

No one lives who has not sinned
When love spoke
No one with a soul has not died
When love wept.

Et si l'amour s'égare
 Aux sentiers d'ici-bas,
 Ses larmes me retrouvent
 Et ne se perdent pas.

And if love strays
 On the paths here below
 Its tears find me
 And do not stray.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**UM Hymnal
 No. 94**

Please stand as you are able.

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

Molly Vetter




HYMN

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

**The Faith We Sing
 No. 2184**

Please stand as you are able.

Soloist: En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa - ra
All: Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to
 cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
 make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes.
 Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un
 The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and pain in -



mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me
to a world of love, of jus - tice and of peace. The

ha to - ca - do mi ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -
task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O

yú - da - me, Se - nor, a ha cer tu vo - lun - tad.
help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.

WORDS: Anon.; trans. by Jorge Maldonado, alt.
MUSIC: ENVIADO, Trad. Cuban; arr. by Carmen Pena
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated.

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Peter Fennema

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Molly Vetter (she/her), *Senior Pastor*
Everest Harvey-Davis (they/them), *Director of Youth & Social Justice Ministries*

Sanctuary Music Leadership

Dr. Andrew Schultz, *Director 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

Ellen Evans Agee
Janet Hoskins

Production Team

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

Altar Flowers

Given by **Brydon Shirk** in honor of this afternoon's organ concert.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- Diana Park
- 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

"Queer Callings & Responses" - Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter

Today, June 28th (10:30am) Upstairs in The Loft

The Song of Mary and the Song of Hannah remind us that God's call to prophecy, service, and leadership is not limited to cisgender men. The songs of Elsa, a character whose story is decidedly queer, suggest something similar. Reading these stories together can help us understand how essential it is to respond to our calling.



VIRTUAL STAINED GLASS TOUR OF THE SANCTUARY

Today, 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.



PARABLE PLAY - WESTWOOD KIDS SUMMER PLANS

Sundays in the Summer (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 wonder-full 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.



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

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

Piano/Organ Duo Sean Wang-Tange & Brandon Zhao

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank asks the historic Wesleyan questions of new clergy to Rev. Ongo Koli, Rev. Kiana Hertogh-Nicholson, and Rev. Zicong Li.

WESTWOOD SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN TO ZICONG LI

It is our joy to announce and celebrate that the Fonkalsrud – Westwood United Methodist Church Young Seminarian Scholarship for the 2025-26 academic year was given to Rev. Zicong Li, a student at Claremont School of Theology, and pastor of Faith UMC of San Gabriel Valley in Temple City. Rev. Li was commissioned as a provisional Elder at our Annual Conference session last week. His current scholarship focuses on the Hebrew Bible, in developing Asian and Asian-American Biblical Hermeneutics. We celebrate him and his ministry.



Wisdom @ Westwood

Making Sense of Prayer: Praying with All Five Senses

with Pastor Molly

WISDOM AT WESTWOOD

“Making Sense of Prayer: Praying with All Five Senses”

Sunday, July 5th (11am) Wesley Room and via Zoom

Pastor Molly will offer insights about the meaning of prayer, and share some of her favorite prayer practices, using all five senses.



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.



PRAYERFUL STITCHES

Saturday, July 11th (10:30am-12noon) The Loft

Come for some great fellowship and crafting! We can teach you to knit or crochet, we have yarn and needles and patterns. Prayerful Stitches is an outreach ministry of Westwood UMC. The ministry provides prayer shawls for members and friends of our community who are struggling. This is a tangible way for the rest of the community to lay on hands and pray for the recipients. It is also a community gathering opportunity for the creators as they gather in prayer and fun whilst creating shawls. RSVP to Ellen Evans Agee at ebea9999@gmail.com or Nancy Hill at njhill88@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



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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(9am - 1pm)

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