

A Celebration of Life

Matthew Jordan Miles

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Westwood United Methodist Church

Order of Service

As you enter, please silence all electronic devices.

October 4, 2026

3:00pm



PRELUDE MUSIC

Peter Fennema

Epiphany Introit Prelude
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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

Dawn Hymn
Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

"In Paradisum" from Requiem
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986); tr. Peter Fennema

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Los Angeles Master Chorale

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it,
let us revere and love the living God,
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME & GRACE

Rev. Molly Vetter



1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3. So has the church in lit - ur - gy and song,
4. And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, as wor-ship
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit-ness
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! And may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 moved us to a more pro-found
 to the truth in ev - ery tongue, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing, for whom he won the fight
 give us faith to sing al - ways

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PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Tina Blair

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:28-31
 Matthew 5:1-10, 13-16

Rev. Dr. Tina Blair
 Dylan Gentile

ANTHEM

Los Angeles Master Chorale

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!*

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
be calm, as God has ordained,
and so my will shall be content.

*Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.*

Why worry today for tomorrow?
There is One who stands above all
who gives you, too, what is yours.

*Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste.
Amen.*

Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm; what God decrees,
is and must be the best.
Amen.

HOMILY

Rev. John Woodall

ANTHEM

Sure On the Shining Night
Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

KWHYR

WORDS OF TRIBUTE

Alana Miles
Joseph Miles
Brian Lauritzen

HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH No. 378

Unison A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
SATB 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
SATB Through man - y dan - gers toils, and snares, I
Unison When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but that
 grace my fears re-lieved; how pre-cious did that
 have al-read-y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 shin-ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap-pear; the hour I first be-lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be-gun.

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PRAYER

Rev. Greg Norton

ANTHEM

Abide with Me

Combined Choirs

William H. Monk (1823–1889), arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)
 words by Henry F. Lyte (1793–1847)

*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.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.
 What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
 Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
 Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*O thou who changest not, abide with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.
 Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Unison 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.**

ANTHEM

Uncclouded Day Los Angeles Master Chorale
Rev. J. Alwood, arr. by Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)

*O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
they tell me of a home far away,
and they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise;
O they tell me of an unclouded day*

*O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise
O they tell me of an unclouded day!
O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
O they tell me of a land far away,
where the tree of life in eternal bloom
sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.*

*O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise
O they tell me of an unclouded day!*

*O they tell me of a king in his beauty there,
and they tell me that mine eyes shall behold
where he sits on the throne that is bright as the sun,
in the city that is made of gold.*

*O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise
O they tell me of an unclouded day!*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Molly Vetter

POSTLUDE

Choral
Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Peter Fennema

The family would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to you in person.

You are invited to join them for a reception upstairs in The Loft.

Participating in Today's Service



Rev. Molly Vetter, *Westwood UMC Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, *Upland Presbyterian Church*
Rev. John R. Woodall
Rev. Gregory Norton

Westwood UMC Music Ministry
Dr. Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*
Peter Fennema, *Organist*

Los Angeles Master Chorale
Grant Gershon, *Kiki & David Gindler Artistic Director*
Susie McDermid, *Director of Production*

KWHYR
Dylan Gentile, *pianist*

The Combined Choir for today's service includes members of choral ensembles that Matt sang with or directed, including the Los Angeles Master Chorale, the Mountainside Master Chorale, Upland Presbyterian Church Choir, KWHYR, Pasadena First United Methodist Church Choir, Glendora United Methodist Church Choir, and the Westwood United Methodist Church Chancel Choir.

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