

Westwood United Methodist Church
Online Worship Gathering
Sunday, July 5, 2020

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu wir sind hier, BWV 731
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Yoojung Chung
Organist

WELCOME

Molly Vetter
Senior Pastor

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH No. 400



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

MORNING PRAYER

Molly Vetter

*If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens,
come to me and I will give you rest.
Take the yoke I give you.
Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest.
This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.*

*Christ calls us to come to worship
To rest from the things that are troubling us
To learn what Christ can teach of life
To realise what we can offer to others
And so to return into the world to serve
Let us worship God.*

—from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH No. 451



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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:42-49, 58-67

John Holbert

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I

said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

...

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

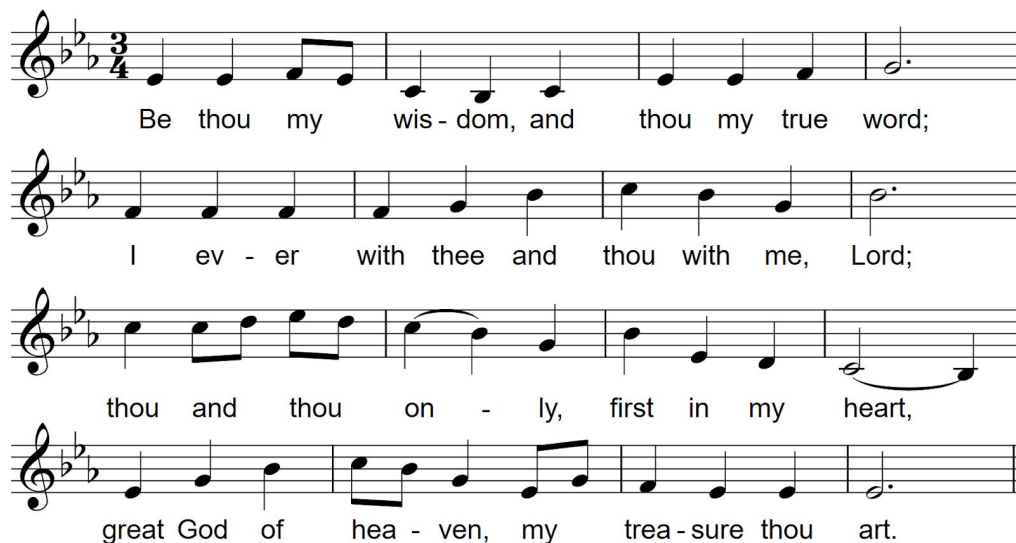
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Thanks be to God.

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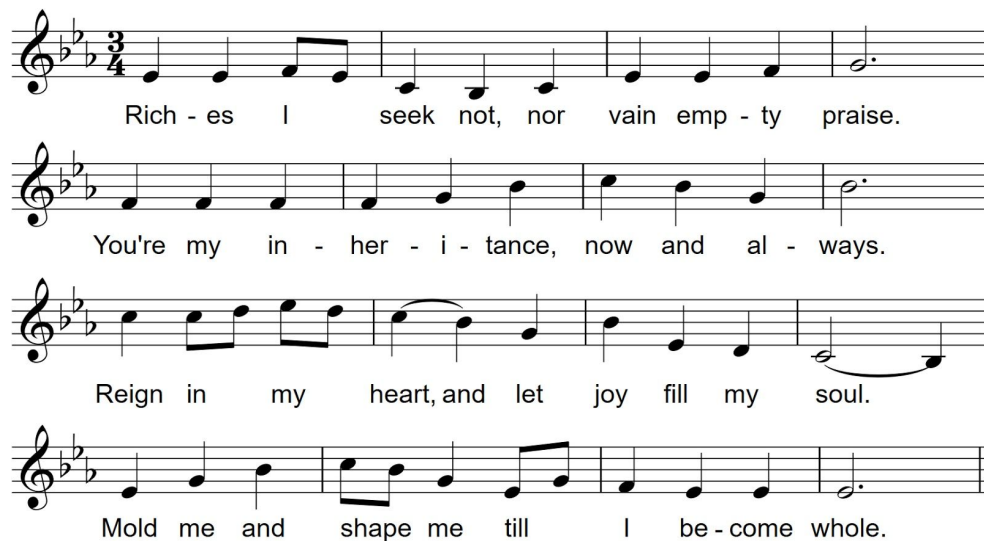
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SCRIPTURE READING**Matthew 11:25-30****Molly Vetter**

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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SERMON***Checking the Roots: A Love Story for the Generations*****Molly Vetter****CALL TO PRAYER*****In Fear the World is Weeping*****Sanctuary Quartet**

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); harm. by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Words by Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

*In fear the world is weeping, and longs with every breath,
for life and hope and seeking new paths beyond this death.
And loving hearts are risking their lives that we may thrive.
Praise God for those who labor, O may they stay alive.*

*Our lives are bound together in sorrow and in prayer.
In life and death and nature the Holy One gives air. Around
the world show wisdom, with open hearts give care, a new
world calls us onward, sing hope now everywhere.*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Jeanne Roe Smith
Deaconess, Wesley Foundation

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Molly Vetter

*As we gather here today in the sight of God to join in Holy Communion,
know we are only a screen width apart.
The God of all creation is not beholden to the bounds of time or place.
God transcends our physical distances,
so that we may be together in this mystical space.
Through God and the mystery of Holy Communion, we become one creation, one body, one church.
All who desire to share in this mystery, declaring both our hunger for grace and our love of Christ, are welcome.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Let us pray in confession:
Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will
We have broken your law
We have rebelled against your love
We have not loved our neighbors, and
We have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

*Hear this good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!*

Amen!

GATHERING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Together, we share a table that connects our separate spaces.
Now is the time to set Christ's table.
I ask you now to collect what elements you may have
to serve as your bread and fruit of the vine,
knowing that divine grace will justify your choices
in the sight of God.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Molly Vetter, Terence Hagans, Jeanne Roe Smith

*It is good to be joyful as we give thanks to You, Holy God.
You created us in your image and gave us life with your breath.
Your love does not falter, even as we neglect that love.
You liberated us from our bondage, and continue to ease our burden.*

With joy, and with all of Creation, we proclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
God of Power and Grace
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

*You are Holy God, and blessed is your Child Jesus
Your Spirit descended upon him so that he could
proclaim good news to the poor
heal the sick
feed the hungry
cavort with sinners
and liberate the captive*

*His life gave birth to the church through a new covenant
one born out the Holy Spirit
whose power dwells within us today.*

*On the night in which he gave himself over, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, God, and said,
“take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

*After dinner, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many.
Drink from it in remembrance of me.”*

In remembering the mighty acts of Jesus, we offer ourselves as a living witness proclaiming the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Spirit on all those gathered together in this Holy space,
and on the gift of these elements*

*Make them be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,
that we may be the body of Christ for the world*

*Your Spirit makes us one with Christ and one with each other
It binds, blends, and multiplies us, as we minister to the world, as one beloved community of faith
singing your praises on Earth and in Heaven
until Christ comes again,
and we feast at the divine table
in perfect harmony*

All honor and glory are yours 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 BREAD AND THE CUP

*The Body of Christ given for you. **Amen.***

*The cup of blessing poured out for you and for all. **Amen.***

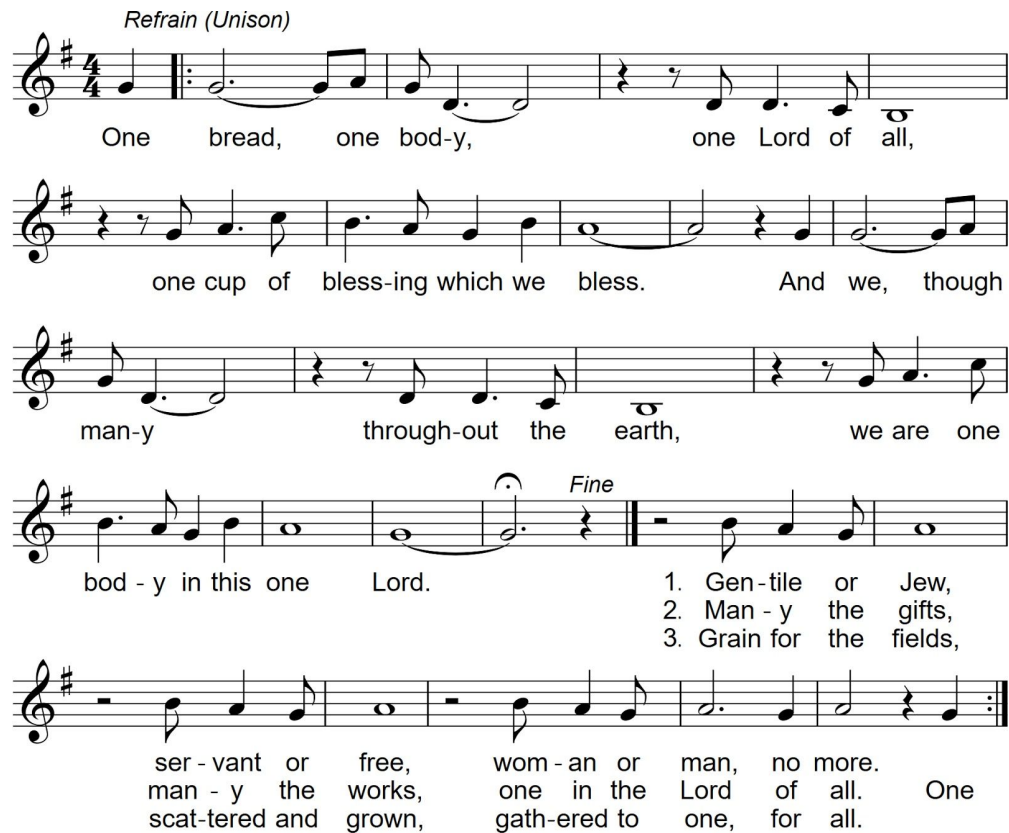
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Eternal God, thank you for this mystery of faith, where you have given yourself to us.
May we go into the world strengthened by your Spirit,
in a spirit of generosity, in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

HYMN**One Bread, One Body****UMH No. 620**

Refrain (Unison)



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y through-out the earth, we are one
bod - y in this one Lord. *Fine*
1. Gen-tile or Jew,
2. Man - y the gifts,
3. Grain for the fields,
ser - vant or free, wom - an or man, no more.
man - y the works, one in the Lord of all. One
scat-tered and grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**Molly Vetter and Diana Holbert****BENEDICTION****Molly Vetter****POSTLUDE****Organ Sonata No. 3, Op. 56 - 1. Prelude**
Alexandr  Guilman  (1837-1911)**Yoojung Chung**

Participating in Today's Service

Molly Vetter, *Senior Pastor*
Jeanne Roe Smith, *Deaconess, Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA*
Terence Hagans, *Associate Pastor*
Diana Holbert, *Children and Family Pastor*
John Holbert, *Liturgist*

Music Leadership

Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*
Yoojung Chung, *Organist*

Ariana Davis, *soprano*
Shelby Stroud, *alto*
Taylor Jacobs, *tenor*
Andrew Schultz, *baritone*

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Communion Liturgy

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