

Westwood United Methodist Church

Online Worship Gathering

May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

Widmung

Robert Schumann (1810-1856) , arr. Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Josh Tan

Pianist

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

Senior Pastor

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH No. 384



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy faith - ful
trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it; let us find that
let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
sec - ond rest. Take a - way our bent to sin - ning;
stored in thee; changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

MORNING PRAYER

Terence Hagans
Pastor of The Loft

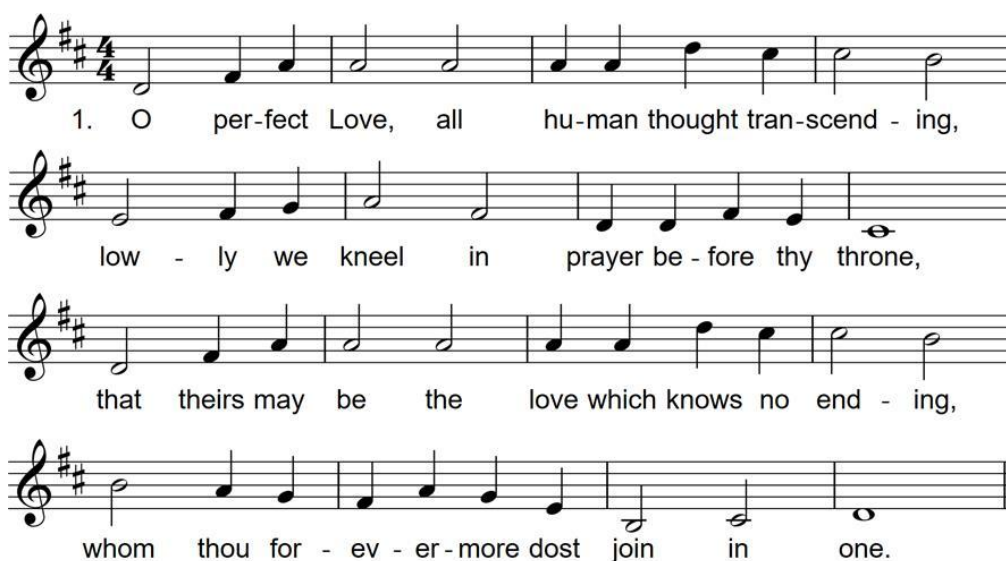
*Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.
Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.
Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

—from *Feasting on the Word*, Kimberly Bracken Long,
ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, 166.

HYMN

O Perfect Love All Human Thought Transcending

UMH No. 645



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MUSIC: PERFECT LOVE, Joseph Barnby, 1890
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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

Jo Schiff

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

Molly Vetter

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

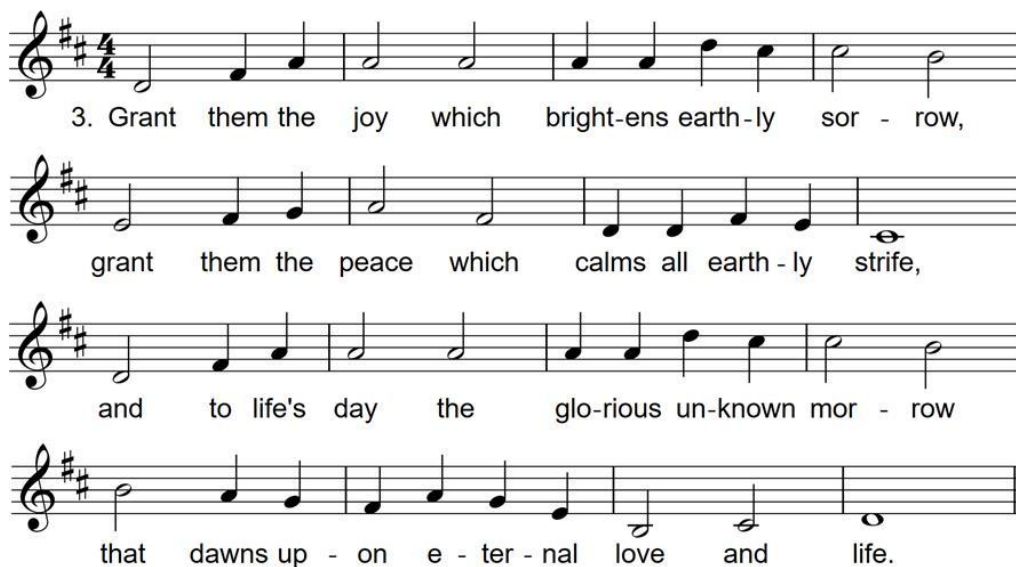
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SERMON

Good for You

Molly Vetter

CALL TO PRAYER

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11

Sanctuary Quartet

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
de la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante;
que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix.
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

*Ô Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!*

O Word, equal of the most high,
Our sole hope,
eternal day of earth and the heavens,
we break the silence of the peaceful night.
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!

Shed the light of your mighty grace upon us.
Let all hell flee at the sound of your voice.
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul
that leads it to the forgetting of your laws!

O Christ, be favorable upon your faithful people
now gathered to bless you.
Receive the songs they offer to your immortal glory
and may they return filled with your gifts.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Jeanne Roe Smith, *Campus Minister,
Wesley Foundation at UCLA,*
Karely Amaya, *580 Cafe Community Leader*
Joy Prim, *Mission for Migrant Workers Hong Kong*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Molly Vetter

*Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess to God and to one another
our failure to love our neighbor.*

*God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.*

*You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you.
In baptism God claimed you
and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.
Believe in the promise given to you:
in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

—from *Feasting on the Word*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, 146-147.

PRESENTATION MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Sanctuary Quartet

3. Come, Al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
pray and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Molly Vetter and Jeanne Roe Smith

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to God, concluding with, "And with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of sovereignty and light,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We recall Christ's salvation and the institution of the Lord's Supper, and pray for the Spirit's presence in the bread and cup that we share, giving thanks for this divine presence, concluding with:

"All glory and honor are yours, Holy One, through Christ, in the Spirit, now and always."

Amen.

*—from *Feasting on the Word*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, 217-219*

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

We invite you to share in the communion sacrament with us, using elements found in your home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jeanne Roe Smith

HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

UMH No. 129



1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
 4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,



God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God
 wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon
 and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy



shall lift up thy head.
 end in joy - ous day.
 love and guard - ian care.

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 trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Molly Vetter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche Militaire Op. 51 No. 1
 Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Yoojung Chung and Josh Tan
Pianists

Participating in Today's Service

Pastoral Staff

Molly Vetter, *Senior Pastor*
Terence Hagans, *Pastor of The Loft*
Jeanne Roe Smith, *Deaconess/Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA*

Liturgists

Jo Schiff
Karely Amaya, *580 Cafe Community Leader*
Joy Prim, *Deaconess, 580 Cafe Mission Partner and
Mission for Migrant Workers Hong Kong*

Music Leadership

Andrew Schultz, *Director of Sanctuary Music*
Yoojung Chung, *Organist*
Taylor Jacobs, *tenor soloist*

Guest Musicians

Sujin Park, *soprano*
Isabel Woods, *alto*
Byron Jones, *bass*
Joshua Tan, *pianist*

Production

Richard An & Maureen Schultz, *videography*
Joshua Morales, *sound engineer*
David Trotter, *editor*