



The Sanctuary

October 17 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

"Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Thompson Howell

Guest organist

WELCOME

Molly Vetter

Senior Pastor

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

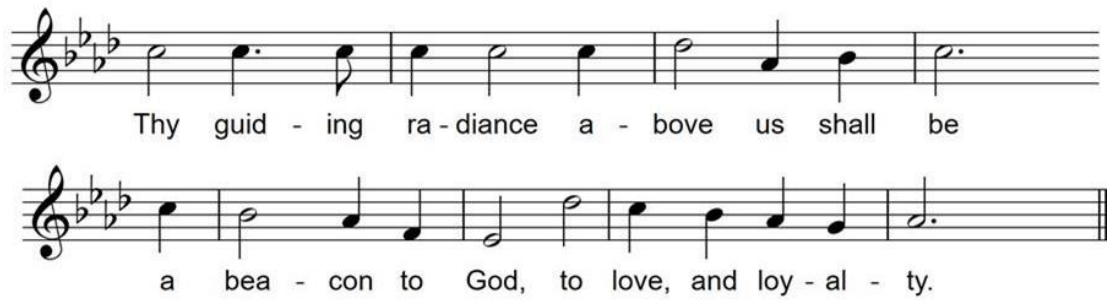
HYMN

Are Ye Able?

UMH No. 530

Please stand as you are able.

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
2. "Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers
cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
their lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its
an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.
Refrain
Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.
Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.



WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926 (Mk. 10:35-40)
 MUSIC: BEACON HILL, Harry S. Mason, 1924
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MORNING PRAYER

Denise Freese

*O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
 bringing new life out of destruction,
 hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.
 We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.
 Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,
 and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,
 that we may know the joy you give your people.
 Amen.*

~Ruth Duck, *United Methodist Book of Worship* #464

CHILDREN'S TIME

Molly Vetter

HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

UMH No. 589



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Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

UMH No. 589

3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
church that longs to be a part - ner in
fev - er in our blood, and teach us how
Christ's sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
to share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

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James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

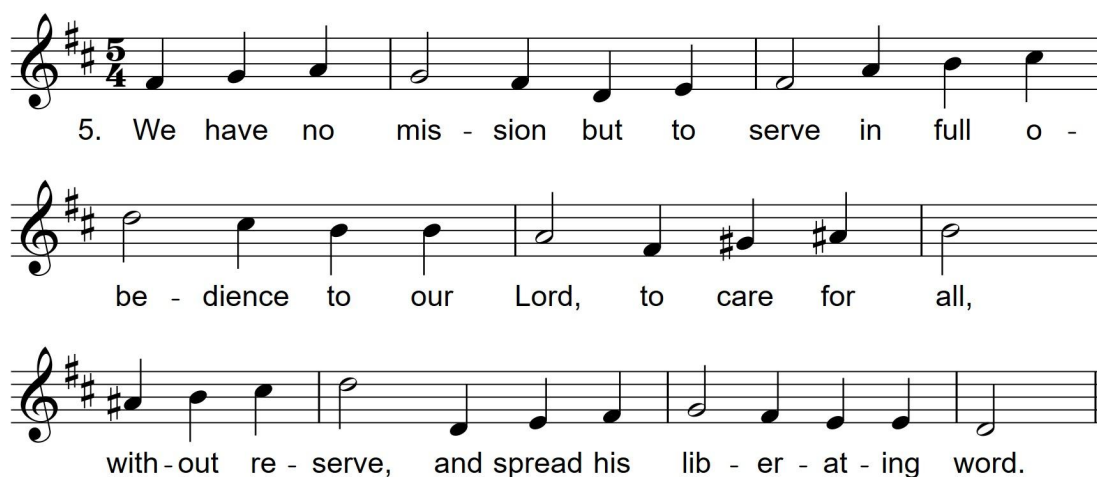
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SERMON

Toward Our Common Good: Re-Engage

Molly Vetter

CALL TO PRAYER

Pange Lingua

Sanctuary Quartet

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

Let us therefore, bowing low,
Venerate so great a Sacrament;
And let the old Law
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith afford assistance
To the deficiency of the senses.

~St. Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-74)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

Julia Rodriguez

Written by Rev. Dr. Jonah So

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.

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH No. 581

Please stand as you are able.


1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vis - ion, till your love's re -
 4. Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed: we, your ser - vants, bring the
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 tire - less striv - ing your a - bund - ant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know, and live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION

Molly Vetter

POSTLUDE

"Celebration" from *Two Pieces for Organ Duet*

Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

**Yoojung Chung
Thompson Howell**

Participating in Today's Service

Pastoral Staff

Molly Vetter (she/her/hers), *Senior Pastor*

Guest Musicians

Thompson Howell (he/him/his), *organist*

Liturgists

Denise Freese (she/her/hers)

Julia Rodriguez (she/her/hers)

Tonia Symensma-Cohen (she/her/hers)

Acolytes

Laurel Hinds

Oz Peterson

Music Leadership

Andrew Schultz (he/him/his), *Director, Sanctuary Music*

Yoojung Chung (she/her/hers), *Organist*

Production

Richard An (he/him/his), *videography*

Maureen Schultz (she/her/hers), *videography*

Josh Morales (he/him/his), *sound engineer*

Sanctuary Quartet

Emily Peterson (she/her/hers), *soprano*

Carmen Edano (she/her/hers), *alto*

Taylor Jacobs (he/him/his), *tenor*

Louise Floyd (she/her/hers), *bass*

Flowers on the Altar

Given by **Lawrence Owen**: "*Happy Birthday to Ariel, Cheryl, Athena, Elias, Laura, and my mother, born on Halloween in 1900.*"

ORGAN RECITAL - TOMORROW NIGHT

LA AGO MEMBERS' RECITAL

Monday, October 18th at Westwood Church

6:30pm – Reception in the Courtyard

7:30pm – Recital in The Sanctuary

Join the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Monday, October 18th as they kick off their 2021-2022 season with a members' recital hosted by Westwood Church. Our very own Yoojung Chung will be featured in recital with other LAAGO members Nicholas Galinaitis and Thompson Howell. The Members' Recital is open to the public, and we invite Westwood Church to join with AGO members and colleagues as you enjoy an outdoor beverage-only reception prior to the recital from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The recital begins at 7:30pm. Masks are required throughout the Westwood Church premises and must be worn at all times when not actively drinking a beverage. Free parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to the church beneath Belmont Village. Visit www.laago.org for additional information.



Yoojung Chung



Thompson Howell



Nicholas Galinaitis

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST MUSICIAN: THOMPSON HOWELL **Sunday, Oct. 17th (9:30am) The Sanctuary**

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Thompson began piano lessons in third grade and quickly advanced. He began studying organ - first with Richard Griffin at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Dedham, Massachusetts, where Thompson sang in the choir, and then with Brian Jones, former Organist & Director of Music at Trinity Church in Boston's Copley Square. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2006, Thompson has served as Organist & Choir Director of St. Mary of The Angels Anglican Church in Los Feliz and Assistant Organist at St. Thomas The Apostle, Hollywood. He also assisted and substituted regularly at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral. Seeking to find a good balance between his work in front of a microphone and on the organ bench, Thompson has found a nice niche as an in-demand Assistant and Substitute Organist at many churches in the Los Angeles area including Hollywood United Methodist Church, Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel, Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena, and St. James' Episcopal Church in Los Angeles.



SANCTUARY SESSIONS

Sunday, October 24th (3pm) The Sanctuary **Free Admission: In-person & Livestream**

Violinist Liana Branscome presents an afternoon of the great works for solo violin. She will play Partita No. 2 in D minor by J.S. Bach, which includes his iconic Chaconne, the centerpiece of his solo violin writing, followed by the passionate Sonata No. 4 in E minor by Eugene Ysaÿe, written as an homage to Bach. Also on the program are virtuosic works by Fritz Kreisler and Jessie Montgomery. She will be joined by pianist William Chiang for W. A. Mozart's Sonata in E minor for Piano and Violin, which, like Bach's Chaconne, is a journey of grief and acceptance after the death of Mozart's mother. Together these works will take us on a journey of triumph and hope. Please wear a mask if attending in person. For more information, visit www.WestwoodUMC.org/SanctuarySessions.

REFRAME - POSTER EXHIBIT **Hanging in The Sanctuary Narthex**

"REFRAME," a poster campaign from Amplifier, features twelve visionary leaders who are working to restore our faith in each other. The REFRAME posters are currently hanging in our Sanctuary narthex, on the gallery wall near the bathrooms. Each art poster depicts one person who is contributing to conversation for our common good. You can read more about these twelve leaders, and about the artists who designed the posters, at www.amplifier.org/campaigns/reframe. Download the Amplifier AR app on your smartphone to access Augmented Reality when viewing the posters to see videos featuring the voices of each of these leaders.

GUEST PREACHER IN THE SANCTUARY **Sunday, Oct. 24th (9:30am) The Sanctuary**

Join us for worship as we welcome back former WUMC Senior Pastor, **Rev. Dr. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett**. Currently in retired relationship with the California-Pacific Conference, she previously served in ministry at Claremont UMC (Claremont, CA), Westwood UMC (Westwood, CA), and Santa Clarita UMC (Santa Clarita, CA), among other local churches. She earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Claremont School of Theology.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, Oct. 31st (9:30am) The Sanctuary

On the last Sunday of the month we will be observing All Saints' Day. On this day, we give thanks to God for all those who have gone before us, remembering and celebrating their influence on our lives. You are invited to bring mementos (photos, an object, a written page) of your saints and loved ones to place on an altar during worship on that day. Items may be retrieved at the end of the worship gathering. If you would like the name of your loved one to be printed in the worship guide, contact Sabrina Simmons at sabrina@westwoodumc.org by Thursday, October 28th.

WESTWOOD CHURCH

Westwood Church is a Christian community that welcomes all people and focuses on becoming and making disciples committed to justice, kindness and walking humbly with God. We welcome and affirm our ministry with all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic status, ability, gender, marital status or sexual orientation, from first-time visitor to lifetime member.

We seek to understand and carry out God's will, bearing witness to Christ's compassion and embracing the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We foster spiritual growth in all persons - children, youth, and adults; through individual and corporate prayer and study, worship of God, nurturing relationships, and participating in ministries of justice and mercy at home and in the global community. ALL ministries of Westwood UMC are available to ALL people.

A Reconciling Church: We, the faith community of Westwood Church, affirm that a God-filled perspective understands and embraces diversity and radical inclusivity; for that reason we embrace and affirm the full inclusion of everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. We explicitly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who have been marginalized and diminished within the larger United Methodist tradition. We commit to embracing the responsibility of pushing for a more open and inclusive United Methodist Church. You are welcome here. You are supported here. You are included here.

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 (Toddlers - 5th grade)

9:30am - The Sanctuary

Bring your child into The Sanctuary gathering, and they'll come forward for a special children's time during worship. Then, the children will follow their teachers to the courtyard for an outdoor classroom experience where you'll pick them up after the service. Infants should remain with their parents.

10:30am - The Loft

Sign in your child at the courtyard and pick them up after The Loft gathering. Infants should remain with their parents.

The Grapple Group (Grades 6-12)

10:30-11:30am - Room 100



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