

Mysterious Compassion, we long to honor each other's differences, to make room for the many ways to live a life. We want to protect each other's right to self-determination. At the same time, we desire to be united in purpose. We desire soulful relationships across differences. Guide us in wisdom as we ebb and flow between the personal and the collective. Unite our individual longing with the longings of Interdependent Love. Amen.

↑**Passing the Peace** Juan Sánchez

One: We are invited to feast at the table of God's Shalom, to seek the well-being and the wholeness of all creation. Peace for our bodies Peace for our souls,

All: Peace in our relationships. Peace in our world.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the sign of peace with one another.

We Share the Word

Time with our Young People and Young at Heart Aimee Hopkins

All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led. Children K-5 will then depart for Godly Play next door.

Choral Anthem "Easter Is Here" Jon Paige
Mount Hollywood Choir

Reading Mark 5:25-34 Juan Sánchez

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd

pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Reflection "All of A Sudden" Rev. Kimani Francois

↑**Hymn** see insert *I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee*

We Pray

Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries Juan Sánchez
It is our practice to share our Gratitude and Joy, Concerns and Discoveries

Our Common Prayer (*unison, please use the words that are most meaningful for you*)
Our Father/Mother/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Give

Words that Inspire us to Give Juan Sánchez

Offertory Rada Jovicic, soloist

Prayer of Dedication (Unison) UCCWW Juan Sánchez
Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, grace, and glory of our God who has created a world of abundance. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

We Are Sent

↑**Sending Hymn** #433 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*
↑**Closing Blessing** Rev. Kimani Francois
Postlude Joe Lawrence

Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Kimani A. Francois

Rev. Kimani A. Francois is pursuing an inter-field Ph.D. in Religion and Cultural Studies at Claremont Graduate University. Her research interests are at the intersection of critical theory, cultural studies, Black political movements, religious studies, theology, Black women's religious activism, Womanism, Black feminism, radical Black feminist pragmatism, environmental Studies, Ecocriticism, and ethnography. At the Claremont Colleges consortium, Kimani is a doctoral fellow for the Office of Black Student Affairs working with alumni engagement and an interfaith Fellow for Religious Activities Office. Kimani graduated from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where she earned her Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Theology and Ethics. While at Emory, she studied abroad at the University of Helsinki in the Fall of 2021 with the Faculty of Theology. Kimani has done work with the unhoused population, racial justice, gender discrimination, public health equity initiatives, immigration & refugee services, food insecurity, and voting rights in Georgia. Welcome!

All Members, Ministers
Rev. Ashley Hiestand, Pastor
Joe Lawrence, Music Director
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Vincent Lopez, Technical Director

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↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, we are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Welcome home!

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

We Gather in Community

Welcoming Music Joe Lawrence
Welcome & Announcements Juan Sánchez
Ringing of the Bell Young Person
Call to Worship *enfleshed* Juan Sánchez
One: The Holy is our Guide,
All: we are not alone.
One: She invites us to wide open fields of liberation
All: and leads us to protected sacred waters.
One: She refreshes our souls.
All: She lures us towards the Ways of Life
One: for the sake of Love.
Lead us today, Holy One,
All: and guard us from the snares of life with your Wise Love.
↑**Gathering Hymn** #475 *God's Eye is on the Sparrow*
↑**Gathering Prayer (unison)** *enfleshed, adapted* Juan Sánchez