

Directions to Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

▲ **Main entrance: 1330 Lakeshore Avenue** ▲

▲ **Administrative/delivery entrance: 1255 First Avenue @ E 14th** ▲

▲ **Oakland, CA 94606** ▲ **(510) 465-4793** ▲

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church is located at the southeast end of Lake Merritt. Situated next to a 25-story apartment complex, we are not far from the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center. Our main entrance is on Lakeshore Avenue where there is street parking and our parking garage (which is only open by prior arrangement). Our administrative center entry is at the rear of the facility on First Avenue, where there is a small parking lot.

Major road construction is currently underway on Lakeshore Avenue in front of the church and on First Avenue near our parking lot entrance, as well as along 11th - 14th Streets at this end of Lake Merritt. Please allow sufficient time for maneuvering the detours and finding parking.

We do not recommend the use of online map/direction sites to locate the church.

- **Interstate 580 from SF/Berkeley and points north.** Take the Grand Avenue exit and go to the second light, which is Lakeshore Avenue. Turn right and follow around the shore of Lake Merritt approximately 3/4 mile. At E. 18th, enter the left turn lane and turn left. Then take the first right, which is 2nd Avenue. Go three blocks to the traffic light at E. 14th/International Blvd and turn right. E. 14th/ International Blvd. will dead end at 1st Avenue. Be sure you are in the left lane at the light. You may make an immediate right into the church parking lot or park along First Avenue. To reach Lakeshore Avenue parking and the church parking garage, continue past the parking lot and turn right at the stop sign.
- **Interstate 580 from the south or east.** Exit at Lakeshore Avenue and turn left onto Lakeshore. Follow around the shore of Lake Merritt approximately 3/4 mile. At E. 18th, enter the left turn lane and turn left. Then take the first right, which is 2nd Avenue. Go three blocks to the traffic light at E. 14th/International Blvd and turn right. E. 14th/ International Blvd. will dead end at 1st Avenue. Be sure you are in the left lane at the light. You may make an immediate right into the church parking lot or park along First Avenue. To reach Lakeshore Avenue parking and the church parking garage, continue past the parking lot and turn right at the stop sign.
- **Interstate 80 from San Jose or the south:** Exit at Oak Street and turn right onto Oak. Go past the BART station and turn right onto 10th Street, just before the Oakland Museum. 10th Street will take you past the Kaiser Convention Center on your left and Laney College on your right. Take the first possible left hand turn after you pass the Convention Center onto 2nd Avenue. Go three blocks and turn left on E. 14th/International Blvd., which will dead end at 1st Avenue. Be sure you are in the left lane at the light. You may make an immediate right into the church parking lot or park along First Avenue. To reach Lakeshore Avenue parking and the church parking garage, continue past the parking lot and turn right at the stop sign.
- **From downtown Oakland:** Take 11th Street toward Lake Merritt and follow the road UNDER the Oakland Museum and past the Kaiser Convention Center. When you reach the traffic light at 2nd Avenue, turn left. Go one block and turn left on E. 14th/International Blvd. which will dead end at 1st Avenue. Be sure you are in the left lane at the light. You may make an immediate right into the church parking lot or park along First Avenue. To reach Lakeshore Avenue parking and the church parking garage, continue past the parking lot and turn right at the stop sign.

Parking is very limited on Lakeshore Ave (mostly 2 hr limited during daytime, except Sundays and holidays). Some all-day parking is allowed on streets north and east of the church: Foothill Blvd, E. 15th Street, E 14th Street, International Blvd, 2nd Ave, 3rd Ave. To get to those streets, turn onto E 18th, then first right on 2nd Avenue to Foothill. Please beware of parking restrictions during some hours of the week, and that some parts of those streets only allow 2 hr parking. All these streets are a few blocks away from the church, so please allow enough time to park and walk to the church. You can enter the church at 1255 First Ave.

Public Transportation:

The Lake Merritt BART station is an easy ½ mile walk to/from the church. From BART, walk in a northerly direction on Oak Street. You will pass the Oakland Museum and the County Courthouse on your right. Cross 14th Street then turn right, following the perimeter of the lake around to Lakeshore Avenue. At the marked crosswalk, you will be directly across from the main entrance to the church. (It is not safe to cut through Laney College and the Oakland Kaiser Convention center to cross 11th, 12th or 13th Streets to get to the lake.)

AC Transit buses run to a stop at the intersection of E. 14th Street/International Blvd and First Avenue, near our entrance at 1255 First Avenue. For current bus and BART info, call Travel Info at 511 or go to www.511.org.



Map of Lake Merritt UMC vicinity

This map is not reflective of current traffic flow due to ongoing road construction.



Map of Oakland vicinity

