



LAKE MERRITT

United Methodist Church

Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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The red light in the sanctuary represents the light of peace.

LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us as we worship in spirit through our live-streamed worship celebration via Zoom and Facebook Live. Visit our website for connection instructions.



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Sunday, March 29, 2020
5th Sunday of Lent
Celebration of Divine Worship

WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, Pastor

MOMENT OF SILENCE *Let us prepare our hearts and minds in silence to worship God.*

OPENING PRAYER

*When this is over
May we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theater
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
A school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself*

*When this is over
May we find
That we have become
More like the people
We wanted to be
We were called to be
We hoped to be
And may we stay
That way -
Better for each other
Because of the worst*

by Laura Kelly Fanucci

OPENING SONG

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying TFWS 2193
Joan Miller, Music Director

*Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!*
[Repeat]

READING OF SCRIPTURE Numbers 10:33; Matthew 18:19-20 CEB

[Num 10:33] They marched from the Lord's mountain for three days. The Lord's chest containing the covenant marched ahead of them for three days to look for a resting place for them.

[Matt 18:19-20] "Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

HOMILY

The Church is Not a Building Rev. Pamela Kurtz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Pam will lift up prayer requests previously sent to her.

When the pastor says "Lord," the people respond: "Hear Our Prayer."

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION & PRAYER OVER OFFERINGS

THANKSGIVING SONG **What A Mighty God We Serve** [2x] W&S 3016

*What a mighty God we serve!
What a mighty God we serve!
Angels bow before you,
Heaven and earth adore you!
What a mighty God we serve!*
[Repeat]

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Go to your windows now, open them, and with joyful noise proclaim,
"Peace be with you all!" then come back!

COMMUNION SONG

Holy Ground [Repeat] TFWS 2272

*We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

GRATITUDE TIMES – *Pastor Pam will share gratitudes previously sent to her.*

CLOSING SONG

We Are the Church

UMH 558

[Refrain]: I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

1. The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

[Refrain]

2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

[Refrain]

3. Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.

[Refrain]

4. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying,

[Refrain]

5. At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it.

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION