



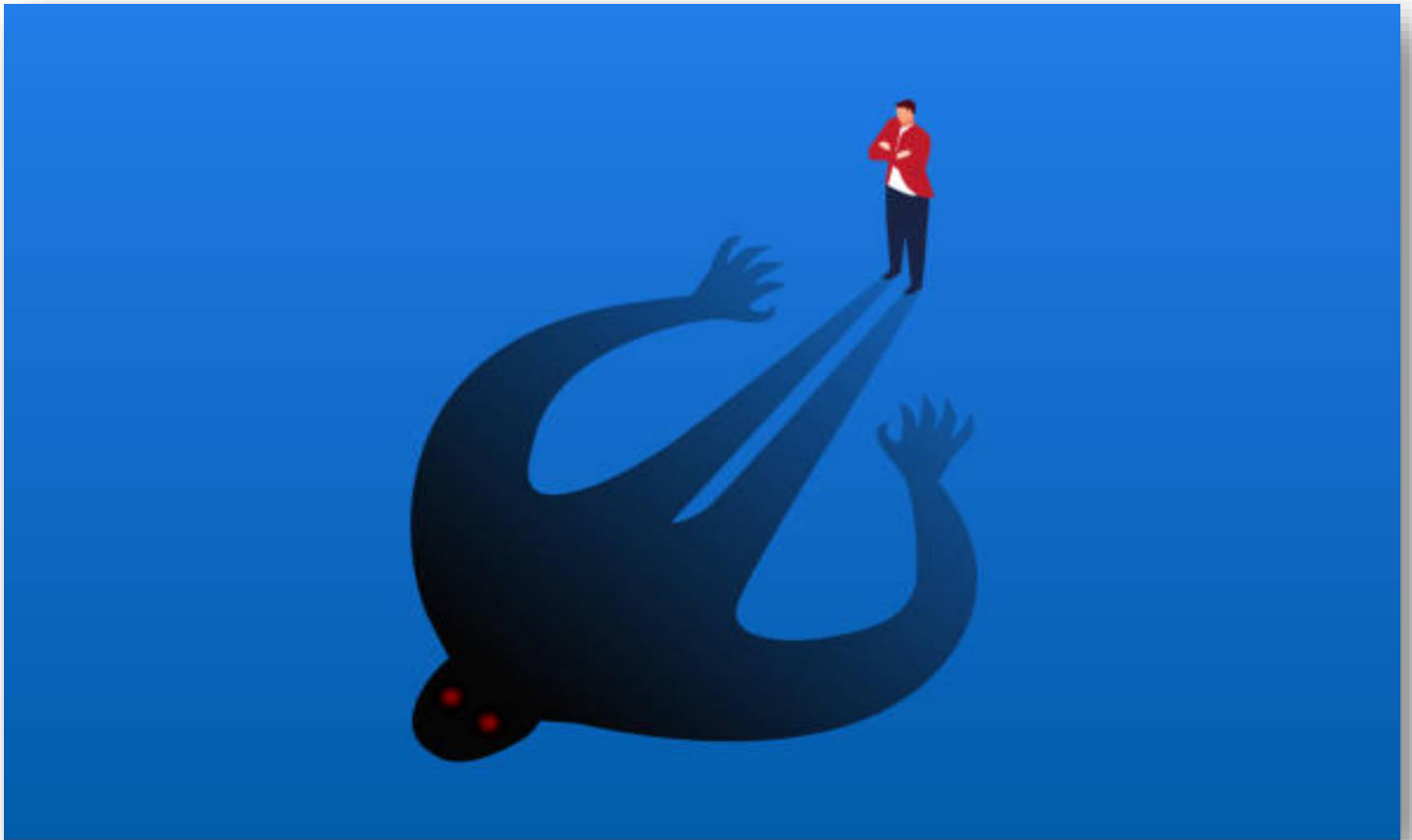
Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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

A PLACE TO PRAY

In the worship center, near the entrance, is a place for you to light a candle in memory of someone, for a particular prayer request, or as a way to thank God for something in your life. Please feel free to light a candle at any time.



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Sunday, March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent
Celebration of Divine Worship



= *We invite you to stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes

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



CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive]

Jane Sliheet, Liturgist

(based on Matt. 15:21-28; Isa. 56:1, 6-8; Rom. 11:1-2, 29-32)

ONE: Come and worship, all who love and serve the Lord—

MANY: **outsiders and insiders,**
old-timers and newcomers
the young, old, and in-between.

Come as you are, for this is God's house—
a house of prayer for all people,

ALL: ***and God welcomes each one who comes.***



OPENING SONG

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

TFWS 2271

Song Leader: Judi Fabrizio

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 13:5-6; Colossians 3:11; Romans 7:15

Examine yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Don't you understand that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless, of course, you fail the test. ⁶ But I hope that you will realize that we don't fail the test.

In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate.

ANTHEM

In My Life
LMUMC Vocal Choir

by: Lennon/McCarthy

MESSAGE

“Will the Real Me Please Stand Up?”

Sherri Elinson, Laity



RESPONSIVE HYMN

Open My Eyes

see insert

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Following each prayer request:*

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER Ecumenical text UMH #894

**We invite you to use any other name to refer to the Divine with which you are comfortable ~ God, Father, Mother, Creator, etc.*

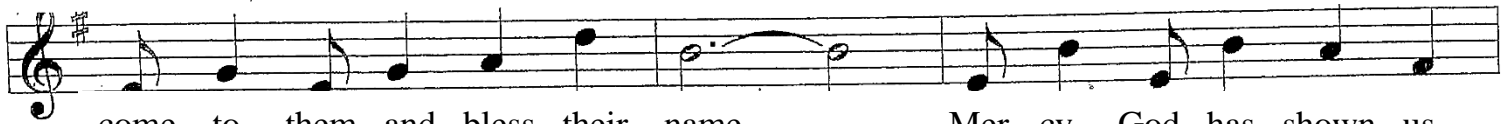
Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THANKSGIVING SONG *Sing of the Lord's Goodness (W&S 3010 – adapt.)*



Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Mas-ter of all wis-dom



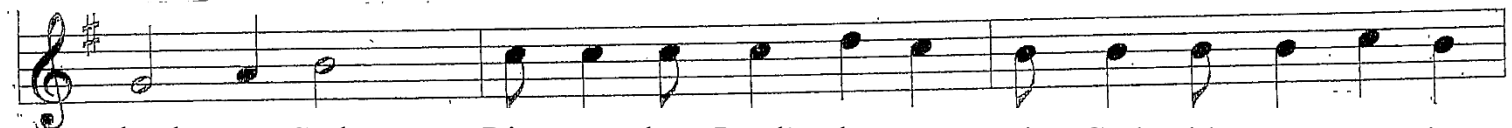
come to them and bless their name. Mer-cy God has shown us,



Their love is for-ev-er, faith-ful to the end of days.



Come then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, me-lo-dies of praise and



thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo-ry, praise God with your mus-ic,



wor-ship them and bless their name.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*Unison*]

Lord, help me break free from the bondage of insecurity. I confess that I listen to the voice of doubt more than I listen to your truth. Lord, help me listen and know that I am loved, that I am perfectly made, that I am accepted as I am in You. Give me your Spirit to help me see when I am listening to lies instead of truth. Help me fix my eyes on you and all you are and have done for me and for this world. Thank you, Lord! In your name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-to-break-free-from-the-bondage-of-insecurity-your-daily-prayer-september-27-2017.html>

In silent prayer, let us offer God our personal confessions and our hope.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

<https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share with your neighbor: “The Peace of Christ be with you!”

Response: **“and also with you.”**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sicilienne, Opus 78

Gabriel Faure

Kristin Davidman, Flute

Joan Miller, Piano

GRATITUDE TIMES – *sharing a piece of gratitude in community*

CLOSING HYMN

Light of the World

TFWS 2204

BENEDICTION



THIS WEEK AT LAKE MERRITT UMC

Sunday, March 15

- 9:15am – 10:15am SCRIPTURAL EXPLORATION – Edwards Room
See: Kate Wilson: kate1200@comcast.net
- 10:30am – 12:00pm YOUTH GROUP/SUNDAY SCHOOL – Aldersgate Room
See: Joseph Koroma: joekoroma@hotmail.com
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm FELLOWSHIP – Stark Room (*Group A-C*)

Monday, March 16

- 4:00pm – 5:00pm LAKE LUNCHES PREP TEAM – Kitchen
Contact: Shirley Taylor: set6@mindspring.com

Tuesday, March 17

- 11:30am – 2:00pm MINISTRY TO UNSHELTERED/LAKE LUNCHES – Kitchen
and Around Lake Merritt. Contact: Shirley Taylor
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm ADULT FAITH FORMATION – Harkness Room
an open and welcoming faith group where everyone is welcome
Contact: Michele Chun: michele.chun@gmail.com
- 7:00pm – 7:45pm HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE – Music Room
Contact: Margaret LeWright margaretlewright@gmail.com
- 7:45pm – 9:00pm VOICE CHOIR PRACTICE – Sanctuary
Contact: Joan Miller: music@lakemerrittumc.org

Wednesday, March 18

- 1:30pm – 3:00pm WOMEN IN SAN LEANDRO SCRIPTURAL STUDY
See: Juliet Hannafin: tomjuliet@comcast.net
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm LAKE LUNCHES PREP TEAM – Kitchen see above.
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm STAFF PARISH MEETING – Harkness Room.
See: David Betts: davidbetts94612@gmail.com

Thursday, March 19

- 11:30am – 2:00pm MINISTRY TO UNSHELTERED/LAKE LUNCHES – Kitchen
See above.

Friday, March 20

- 6:30am – 8:00am MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Stark Room
See: Terrill Wade: trlwade@sonic.net
- 5:00pm – 6:30pm FEASTING WITH FRIENDS – Kitchen & Cabins.
See: Alex Banash: banashalexandra@gmail.com

Sunday, March 22

- 9:15am – 10:15am SCRIPTURAL EXPLORATION – Edwards Room
See: Kate Wilson: kate1200@comcast.net
- 10:30am – 12:00pm YOUTH GROUP/SUNDAY SCHOOL – Aldersgate Room
See: Andrew Champion: achampion@slzusd.org
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm FELLOWSHIP – Stark Room (*Group D-H*)
This week's Liturgist: **Phyllis Elving**

“A New Creation”

LMUMC's first art exhibit is from our members.



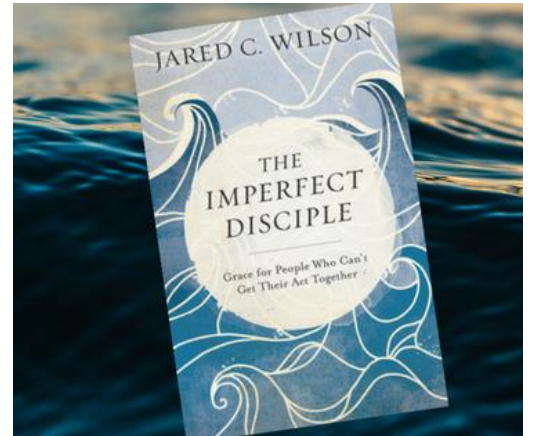
*The Edwards Room Art Gallery is open for viewing
(across from the Sanctuary)*

Our Current Worship Series

*"Imperfect Disciple: Grace for People Who
Can't Get Their Act Together."*

We are exploring how the gospel works
through even us when we feel (or secretly
know) we

- can't get our act together
- think God is giving us the silent treatment
- think church would be better without all
the people
- not happy with the person in the mirror
- wonder if it could get any worse
- and much more



<https://www.jaredcwilson.com/imperfectdisciple>
(Just in case you want to read the book yourself.)

OPEN MY EYES

WORDS AND MUSIC BY JESSE MANIBUSAN

BASED ON MARK 8:22-25

MELODY

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| 1. O-PEN MY EYES, LORD _____ | HELP ME TO SEE YOUR FACE. O-PEN MY |
| 2. O-PEN NY EARS, LORD. _____ | HELP ME TO HEAR YOUR VOICE. O-PEN MY |
| 3. O-PEN MY HEART, LORD. _____ | HELP ME TO LOVE LIKE YOU. O-PEN MY |
| 4. I LIVE WITH-IN YOU | DEEP IN YOUR HEART, O LOVE. I LIVE WITH- |

1.2.

EYES, LORD. _____	HELP ME TO SEE. _____
EARS, LORD. _____	HELP ME TO HEAR. _____
HEART, LORD. _____	HELP ME TO
IN YOU. _____	REST NOW IN ME

3.

TO BRIDGE BRIDGE

LOVE. _____ AND THE FIRST _ SHALL BE LAST, _ AND OUR

EYES ARE O - PENED, AND WE'LL HEAR LIKE NEV-ER BE - FORE. _____ AND WE'LL SPEAK IN

NEW WAYS, _ AND WE'LL SEE GOD'S FACE IN PLAC - ES WE'VE NEV - ER KNOWN.

To VERSE 4

