



# LAKE MERRITT

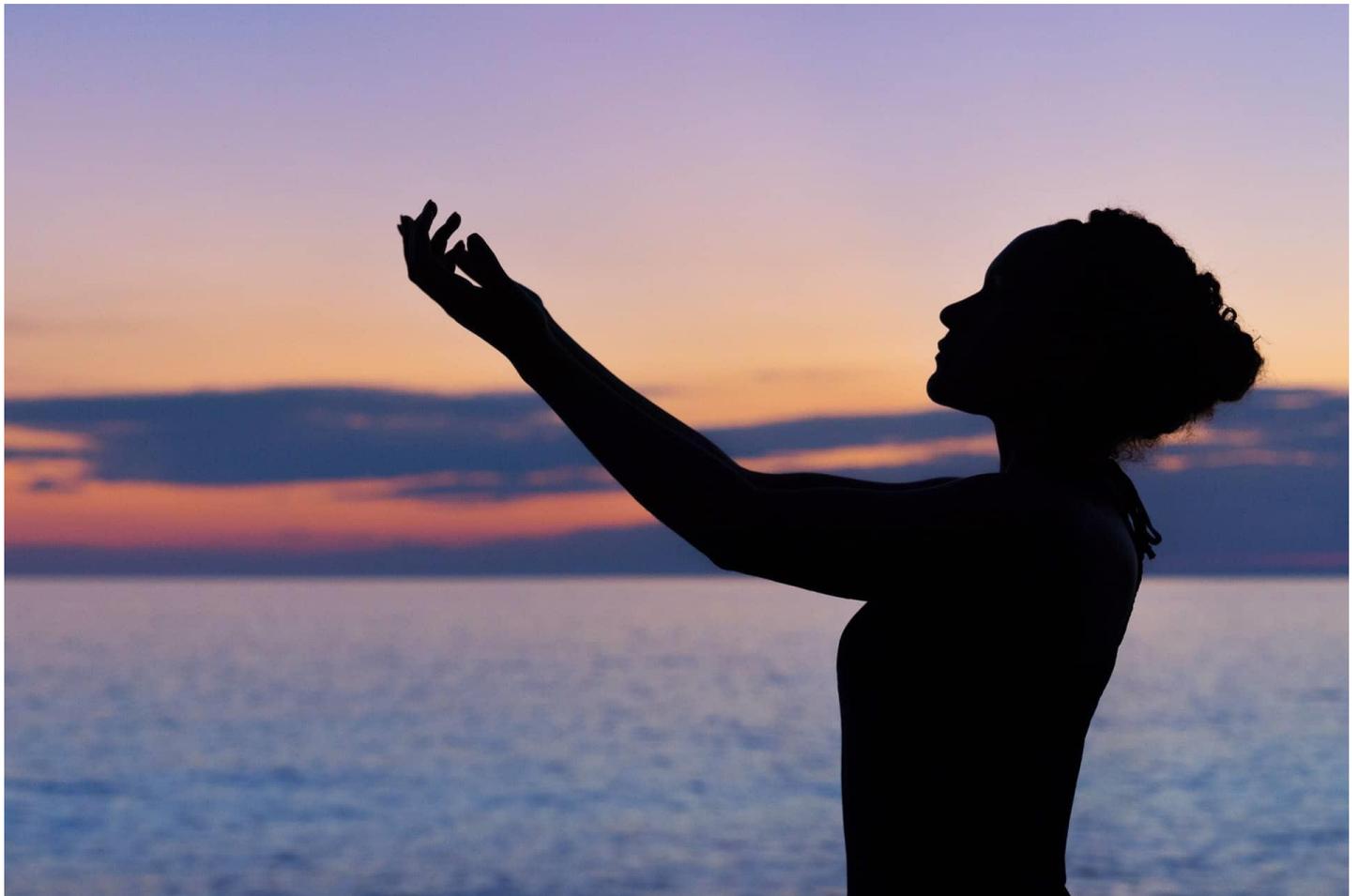
## United Methodist Church

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

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### **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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3. *Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

4. *Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!*

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-10 (CEB)

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "Lord God, only you know."

He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

## MESSAGE

### **"Healing Against All Odds"**

Michele Chun, M.Div. Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the UMC

## SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are One

AJ Retland

by Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Cam Clarke

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor 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

*Please prepare your checks for mailing, or cash for drop off at the church office while our Music Director leads us in our Thanksgiving Song.*

## THANKSGIVING SONG      **We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise**      TFWS 2031

***We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.***

***And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.***

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION      *I Confess* by Howard Thurman

**The concern which I lay bare before God today is.**

**My concern for the life of the world in these troubled times.**

**I confess my own inner confusion as I look out upon the world.**

**There is food for all - many are hungry.**

**There are clothes enough for all - many are in rags.**

**There is room enough for all - many are crowded.**

**There are none who want war - preparations for conflict abound.**

**I confess my own share in the ills of the times.**

**I have shirked my own responsibilities as a citizen.**

**I have not been wise in casting my ballot.**

**I have left to others a real interest in making  
a public opinion worthy of democracy.**

**I have been concerned about my own little job,**

**my own little security, my own shelter, my own bread.**

**I have not really cared about jobs for others,**

**security for others, shelter for others, bread for others.**

**I have not worked for peace; I want peace,  
but I have voted and worked for war.**

**I have silenced my own voice that it may not**

**be heard on the side of any cause, however right,**

**if it meant running risks or damaging my own little reputation.**

**Let Thy light burn in me that I may, from this moment on,**

**take effective steps within my own powers,**

**to live up to the light and courageously to pay for  
the kind of world I so deeply desire.**

## SILENT PRAYER FOR CONFESSION & HOPE

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: When we lift our whole beings to God for healing and transformation, we are redeemed, reformed and renewed. Know that you are forgiven through Christ Jesus. Amen.

### 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!

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION & SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

GRATITUDE TIMES *Gratitudes previously sent to Rev. Pam will be shared.*

CLOSING SONG *Sent Out in Jesus' Name (TFWS 2184) – 2x*

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. (2x)*

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.*

*The task is ours to do, to set it really free.  
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Pam

*All raise hand, palm facing outward and wave goodbye.*