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"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind." - Fred Rogers



*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood:
"We Could All Use A Little Kindness"*

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Jim Meredith, *Organ*

OPENING PRAYER [UNISON]

Jim Clardy

God of grace, we come with all we have;
bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.

We have come for a glimpse
of your kingdom of kindness -
a world where love rules over all,
a world where enemies embrace,
distinctions between friend and foe
evaporating in the light of your love.

We dedicate this hour of worship to you
and to your kingdom come. Amen.

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OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577

*1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

Barbara Ganitch

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful I know that full well.

Colossians 3:12-14 (MSG)

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

RESPONSE

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands UMH 273

1. *Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small,
washing tired feet,
and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.*

2. *Take my hands, Lord Jesus,
let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus,
till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for you.*

SERMON

"We Could All Use A Little Kindness"

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

Audrey Huetteman, *Lake Merritt UMC*

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*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.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING

THANKSGIVING SONG

Give Thanks W&S 2036

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks (2x)*

CLOSING SONG *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH 121

[sung to the tune of UMH 384]

(Please stand if able)

1. *There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.*
2. *There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior,
there is healing in his blood.*
3. *For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.*
4. *If our love were but more simple,
we should rest upon God's word,
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of our Lord.*

CLOSING PRAYER *[RESPONSIVE]*

Jim Clardy

Lord of unfailing love, my life is a living testimony to Your kindness and forgiveness.
You redeemed me from an eternity separated from You when I did not deserve it.
How then can I reflect unkindness toward anyone?
Lord, do not let it be so in my life.

Kindness is the instrument of my Holy God, and I want to become a skilled user.
Grant me knowledge, discernment, and precision to use kindness to cut out hatred,
racism, indifference, inequality, and all the other afflictions that run rampant in the human
race.

Use me, Lord, to lead out in Your kindness and to be Your catalyst for change. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

God of Grace (Cwm Rhondda)

Paul Manz