

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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All Saints Sunday

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

How Beautiful Are the Feet (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Christabel Nunoo, soprano

OPENING PRAYER [*RESPONSIVE*]

Kathleen Bell

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

**People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy! Amen.**

Desperate Preacher's website

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

For All The Saints UMH 711 verses 1, 4, 6 (Organ)

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

II Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

Kathleen Bell

⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

RESPONSE

Guide My Feet

Traditional

Spiritual

arr. Jacqueline Hairston
Christabel Nummo, Soprano

SERMON

"Great Cloud, Great Love, Great Suffering"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

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

Fill My Cup, Lord UMH 641 (Sing 2x)

Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole

CLOSING SONG May You Run and Not Be Weary TFWS 2281 (Sing 2x)

(Please stand if able)

May you run and not be weary,
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
To give you hope
And keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel
Always lead you home.

CLOSING PRAYER [RESPONSIVE]

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Leader: We praise and bless you, God of Life.

People: Bless us with your presence each day of our lives.

Leader: We have seen you and have felt your presence in the history of your people.

People: God, be present in our history, in our communities and be part of our lives.

Leader: With love and mercy, you have cared, led, inspired and sustained your daughters and sons in all generations.

People: Shine within us, inspire us, use us to make visible your peace, justice and truth.

Leader: You, who are holy for all eternity

People: Sanctify our lives with your blessing. Amen.

(Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church in Mar del Plata)

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching in

Traditional

Spiritual

Ananse Taharka, trumpet