

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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The Cup of Compassion

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CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Fill My Cup, Lord

Naomi Martin

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Alex Banash

Leader: Praise the Lord! God shows compassion by putting things right.

People: We are blessed by God to be Jesus's hands and feet - feeding, giving, visiting, clothing, sheltering.

Leader: When did we feed Jesus, give Jesus a drink, clothe Jesus, and give him a place to stay?

People: Feeding the hungry, caring for the suffering, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison - whatever we did for one of the least of these, we did for Jesus.

Leader: God holds compassion and justice together! Our love for God is shown by how we love and treat the stranger.

People: Praise the Lord! Jesus has freed us from sin to love and serve. Amen

.United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

You Are the Seed UMH 583

**1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.**

**Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."**

**2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.**

**You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign.**

**Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
“Lo, I’ll be with you forever, till the end of the world.”**

**3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you’re the waves in a turbulent sea;
Yesterday’s yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might;
May your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God.**

**Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose;
“Lo, I’ll be with you forever, till the end of the world.”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-46 CEB

Alex Banash

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, “Stay here while I go and pray over there.” When he took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert with me.” Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, “My Father, if it’s possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However – not what I want but what you want.”

He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.” A second time he went away and prayed, “My Father, if it’s not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want.”

Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let’s go. Look, here comes my betrayer.”

RESPONSE SOMETHING PROVIDED, SOMETHING GIVEN

(SUNG TO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL UMH 394)

Words by Margaret LeWright

1. Something provided, something given;
In God's compassion, it's understood;
All that I am asked to do is love God in return.
God's compassion is a part of my life.

2. Something provided, something given;
Grace in abundance, it's understood;
All that I am asked to do is love God in return.
Grace abundant is a part of my life.

3. Something provided, something given;
Love, unconditional, it's understood;
All that I am asked to do is love God in return.
Love, unconditional, is a part of my life.

SERMON

"The Cup of Compassion"

Rev. Sunae Cho, Pastor

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.*

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140 (ORGAN)

(Please stand if able)

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Alex Banash

All: Holy One,

**Help us to be gentle towards every person we encounter today,
in thought, word and deed.**

**May we recognize that others are facing difficult circumstances
which we know nothing about.**

Oh Lord, that others would encounter You when they meet us today!

Still our thoughts, bridle our tongues and open our hearts.

Fill us with a spirit of forgiveness and generosity.

**As it be Your will Lord, place the words in our mouths
that others need to hear today.**

Help us to share Your unfailing compassion with all people,

In Your Mighty Name we pray, Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Mark Hayes