

**Lake Merritt United Methodist Church**

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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*The Blessing Cup*

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

For the Beauty of the Earth

LMUMC Bell Choir

Conrad Kocher  
arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Naomi Martin

Leader: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

**People: Come and give thanks!**

Leader: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

**People: Come and give thanks!**

Leader: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

**People: Come and give thanks!**

Leader: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

**People: Come lift your voices in praise!**

Leader: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

**People: Come lift your voices in praise!**

Leader: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

**People: Come lift your voices in praise!**

Leader: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

**People: Come and worship!**

Leader: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

**People: Come and worship!**

Leader: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

**People: Come and worship! Amen!**

*Mennonite Church Canada*

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

We Gather Together UMH 131 (ORGAN)

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!
  
3. We all do extol thee, our leader triumphant,  
And pray that though still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

## SCRIPTURE

### Genesis 32:24-26 MSG

Naomi Martin

But Jacob stayed behind by himself, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he couldn't get the best of Jacob as they wrestled, he deliberately threw Jacob's hip out of joint. The man said, "Let me go; it's daybreak." Jacob said, "I'm not letting you go 'til you bless me."

### 1 Peter 3:9 CEB

Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing in return. You were called to do this so that you might inherit a blessing.

## GIFT OF MUSIC

(Please stand if able)

### Father We Thank You UMH 102 (ORGAN)

William Albright  
LMUMC Choir  
with additional musical talent

## SERMON

### "The Blessing Cup"

Rev. Sunae Cho, Pastor

## RESPONSE

(Please stand if able)

### NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD UMH 102 (ORGAN)

1. Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns,  
With them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## 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 OF THE PEACE

### 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**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come UMH 694 (ORGAN)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.
  
2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.
  
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.
  
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

## CLOSING PRAYER *(RESPONSIVE)*

Naomi Martin

Leader: May the Lord of all creation  
shower his blessings and favor upon you.

**People: Amen**

Leader: May the Lord of the harvest  
grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence  
and fill your loved ones with peace.

**People: Amen**

Leader: May the Lord of salvation  
guide you all your days  
until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

**People: Amen**

Leader: And may almighty God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**People: Amen**

Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel (adapt.)

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God *(ORGAN)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert