

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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Beatitudes

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

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April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

The Lone, Wild Bird

Prospect

LMUMC Choir

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius

Handbell setting by Christine D. Anderson

Piano accompaniment by Anna Laura Page

Michèle Sharik, handbell soloist

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Sharon Cropsey

Leader: Into this world we are born,

People: Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

Leader: Into this day we awake,

People: Into possibility and the unknown.

Leader: Into this church we are welcomed,

People: Into God's grace and each other's truth.

All: So let us worship our God this day, we who are called and loved. Amen.

Beth Merrill Neel

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Be Still, My Soul UMH 534 (ORGAN)

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE

Sharon Cropsey

Matthew 5:1-2, 4 NIV

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

RESPONSE

Grazioso

Arnold Sherman

Adapted by the composer and Sueda Luttrell

Michèle Sharik, handbell soloist

SERMON

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN"

RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

Rev. Stephanie Gameros

DAVID BEUTKE BLESSING

God Be with You till We Meet Again UMH 672, verse 1

1. God be with you till we meet again,
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

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

Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH 328, 2x (ORGAN)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

It is Well with My Soul UMH 377 (ORGAN)

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Sharon Cropsey

All: O God of all comfort, thank you for never abandoning us in the dark hours
of grief and pain.
Thank you for listening to our complaints and heartbreak when
times are tough.
Thank you for loving us and not turning away.
We believe, dear God, that all comfort comes from you and is found in you.
So we ask that you help us recognize others who are in pain,
that we might share in bringing them your comfort. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Soon and Very Soon Andrae Crouch / arr. Jack Schrader

