

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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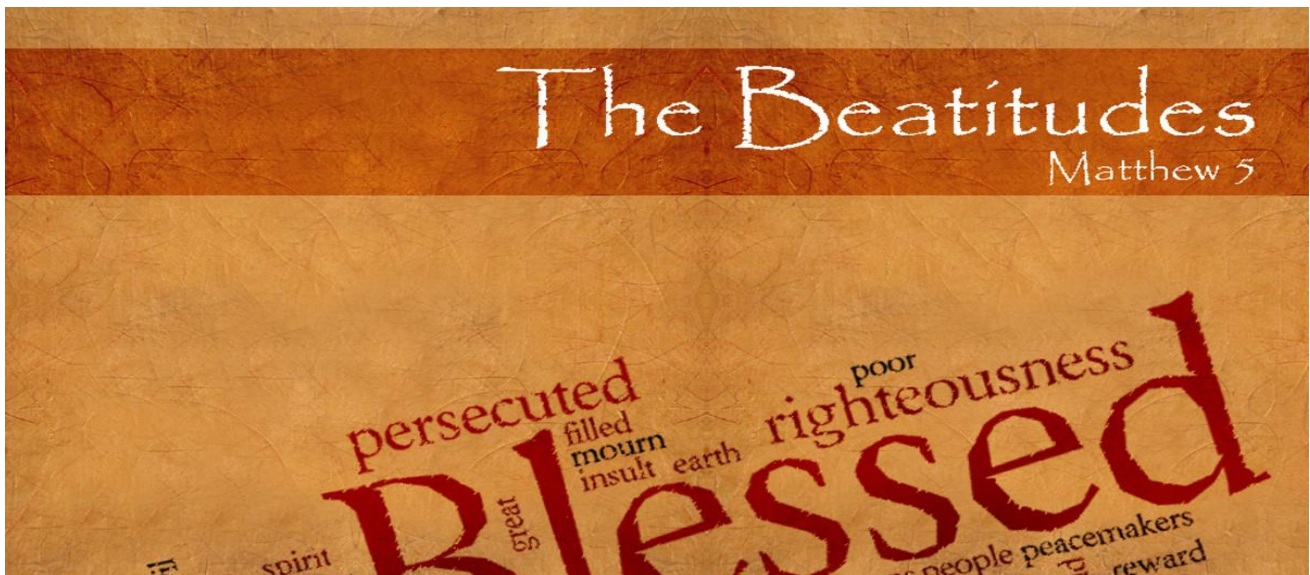
Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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Beatitudes

Blessed Are The Merciful

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June 11, 2023
Second Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe Knapp
arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Ron Fujie

Leader: God of Life,

People: You are as near to us as our breath.

Leader: Touch our eyes,

People: That we may see you in one another.

Leader: Open our ears,

People: That we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

Leader: Enter our hearts,

People: That we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Leader: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

People: Be with us now as we worship you.

Show us the way to new life, and grant us
the courage to be people of your Way. Amen.

ucc.org (adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Help Us Accept Each Other UMH 560 (ORGAN)

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all - not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-2, 7 NIV

Ron Fujie

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 the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

RESPONSE

Brightly Beams Our Fathers Mercy

Men's' Prayer Breakfast Singers

SERMON

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

RESPONSE

Remember Thy Servants, Lord

LMUMC Choir

Russian Orthodox Liturgy

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)

Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)

TFWS 2186, x3

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz.
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.
Dios de la justicia, mandanos tu luz,
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.
Oremos por la paz,
cantemos de tu amor.
Luchemos por la paz,
fieles a ti, Señor.

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CLOSING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Ron Fujie

Leader: Mercy and forgiveness cost us.

**People: But everyone who has embraced them
will attest to the freedom they bring.**

Leader: Rather than binding us, letting go of our need for
retribution sets us free from the whole cycle of judgment.
It releases us, and the whole creation around us,
into the possibility of newness:
of a future loosed from the chains of the past.

All: Mercy is our only hope.

Give it, receive it.

When we do, we are truly blessed. Amen.

Rachel Starr Thompson (adapt)

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Phoebe Knapp
arr. Mary McDonald