

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN JOINT FELLOWSHIP

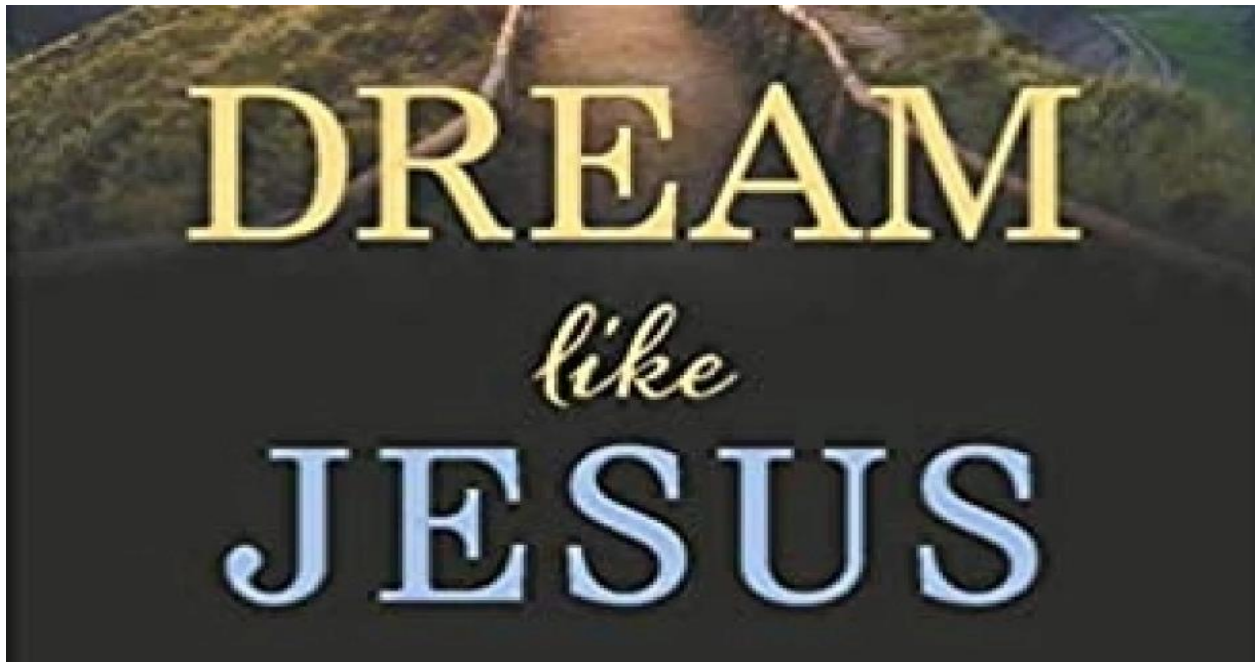
Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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Realize The Dream

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Make Me A Servant

Kelly Willard

LMUMC Bell Choir

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Jim Clardy

Leader: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

People: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

People: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

Leader: Come, draw near to God in faith.

People: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. Amen.

Ministry Matters

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451 (ORGAN)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:1-9 (CEB)

Jim Clardy

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be

warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'

SERMON

"REALIZE THE DREAM"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

RESPONSE

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399 (ORGAN)

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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

His Dream Fulfilled

(Sung to UMH 408, ORGAN)

written by Margaret LeWright

1. Another road, another place,
another journey to embrace.
We venture on, God leads today,
He dreams us to His loving way.
2. God dreams us go, His power to lead,
His kingdom come to all in need.
We long to see His dream fulfilled,
awaken us to do His will.

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH 664 (ORGAN)

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The service is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving,
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Jim Clardy

All: Holy God, teach us to learn Your vision and to pray into Your will,
not only in our personal lives and those of our loved ones,
but help us also to come to a deeper knowledge
of your greater vision for the future of humankind,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.
Help us to soak our hearts in your perfect desire for humankind,
and to understand your greater purpose for humanity. Amen.

Prayer.knowing-jesus.com (adpt.)

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Henry Thomas Smart

Arr. Mark Hayes