

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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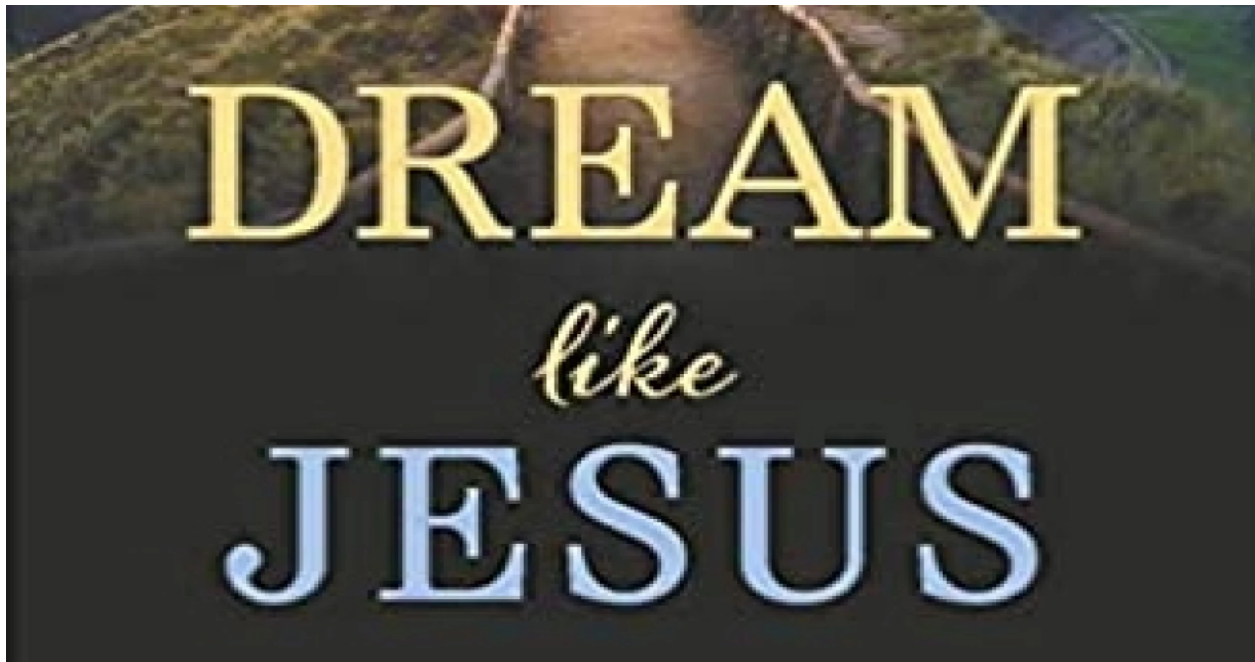
Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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*Aligning Ourselves
To Fulfill Jesus' Dream*

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October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT He Leadth me! O Blessed Thought.

William B. Bradbury

arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Barbara Ganitch

Leader: Mysterious God,

You reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Child
who gives us a glimpse of your glory
and invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy:
the holiness that is You, your creation, your people,
united in the Spirit that breaks through all boundaries of fear and injustice.

People: Meet us here today, O Unity, and teach us to be one:

One in love for each other

One in understanding with all who find in Jesus the way to You

One in peace with all who find other paths to your Truth.

All: We ask all this in the name of Jesus,

whose fervent prayer was ever:

"May they all be one." Amen.

Rev. Susan A. Blain

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Come, Let Us Dream

W&S 3157

1. Come, let us dream God's dream again.

**Come, one and all, let us ascend
the mountain top where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.**

2. The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,

**the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low.
This is God's dream: let justice flow.**

3. When hatred ends and war shall cease,

**so all may dwell in deepest peace,
then be assured the time is near
when perfect love casts out all fear.**

**4. But know the cost of claiming sight
of God's new day, of wrongs made right,
for some have paid the highest price,
their lives for us, a sacrifice.**

5. Prophets are scorned in their own lands
and martyrs slain by righteous hands;
though dreamers die, the dream will live,
for we have yet our lives to give.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:14-21(CEB)

Barbara Ganitch

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,*
¹⁹ *and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

SERMON

"ALIGNING OURSELVES TO FULFILL JESUS' DREAM

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

RESPONSE

Go Ye Into All the World

Eugene Butler

LMUMC Choir

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)

He Touched Me, UMH 367

Led by the Men's Prayer Breakfast Singers

1. Shackled by a heavy burden
neath a load of guilt and shame
then the hand of Jesus touched me,
and now I am no longer the same.

He touched me, O, he touched me
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
he touched me, and made me whole.
2. Since I've met this blessed Savior
since he cleansed and made me whole
I will never cease to praise him;
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

He touched me, O he touched me,
And O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.

CLOSING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Barbara Ganitch

Leader: Christ Jesus, in our journeying with you,
may we never lose our sense of direction,
never lose sight of the landmark
towards which we travel.

**People: And should cloud or rain obscure our vision,
may we draw closer to you,
so that our feet may tread
in your footsteps,
your words be our encouragement,
and your love our protection
against the storms that assail us. Amen.**

Batavia First Presbyterian (adapt)

POSTLUDE

They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes
arr. Mark Hayes