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An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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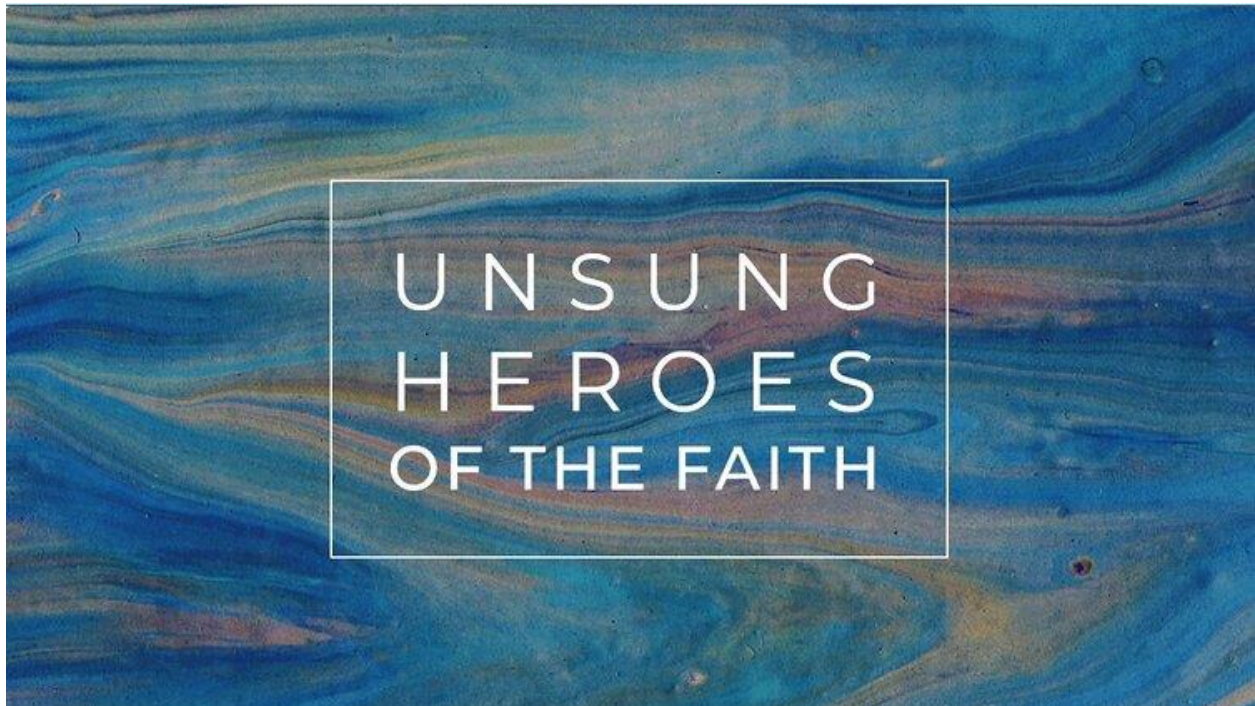
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"Shiphrah and Puah"

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Jason WW. Krug

LMUMC Bell Choir

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Kathleen Bell

Leader: In this act of worship

People: we lay down our fears;

we refuse our oppressors;

we deny the forces of death.

Leader: In this act of worship

People: we know God's protection;

we receive Divine power;

we are embraced by the Giver of life.

All: Let us worship God with joy. Amen

spacious faith

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127 [organ]

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

RESPONSE

We Walk His Way

South African Hymn

Arr. Anders Nyberg
LMUMC Choir

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 1:15-22 (NIV)

Kathleen Bell

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive."

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

SERMON

"SHIPHRAH AND PUAH"

Rev. Sunae Cho, Pastor

RESPONSE

The Women's Hymn

Fannie E.S. Heck (1913)

Sung to UMH 61

**1. Come, women, wide proclaim
life through your Savior slain;
sing evermore. Christ, God's effulgence bright,
Christ, who arose in might,
Christ, who crowns you with light,
praise and adore.**

**2. Come, clasping children's hands,
sisters from many lands, teach to adore.
For the sin sick and worn,
the weak and overborne,
all who in darkness mourn,
pray, work, yet more.**

3. Work with your courage high,
sing of the daybreak nigh,
your love outpour.
Stars shall your brow adorn,
your heart leap with the morn,
and, by his love upborne,
hope and adore.

4. Then when the garnered field
shall to our Master yield
a bounteous store,
Christ, hope of all the meek,
Christ, whom all the earth shall seek,
Christ your reward shall speak,
joy 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 THE PEACE

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87 vs 1,4 [organ]

1. What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
4. This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 there is no shadow of turning with thee;
 thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Naomi Martin

All: Gracious God, there is no shortage of fear in this world.
 Ground us in our purpose and remind us
 who you have created to be your beloved children.
 When life feels isolating, connect us with those who make us be courageous.
 When options seem limited, bless us with creativity to seek new solutions.
 Help us to glimpse your hand at work creating a future of hope and new life,
 and give to us great strength and courage
 to live as unsung heroes of the faith. Amen.

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POSTLUDE [organ]

CWM Rhondda

John Hughes
 Arr. Paul Manz