

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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"Zacchaeus at the IRS"

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE [ORGAN]

Pastorale

Giuseppe Valentini
arr. E. Power Biggs

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Naomi Martin

Leader: We are created by God

People: In the image of God.

Leader: All people are created by God

People: In the image of God.

Leader: In our glorious differences,

People: We reflect the holy face of God.

Leader: In Christ we are not rich or poor,

People: Housed or unhoused,

Leader: Male or female,

People: Gay or straight,

Leader: Black or white,

People: Citizen or immigrant.

Leader: We are one in Christ Jesus.

People: We are made in God's image.

All: So let us love each other

and worship God with joy. Amen.

Bethel Mennonite Church (adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with Your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Naomi Martin

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Zacchaeus

Medical Mission Sisters

LMUMC Choir

SERMON

"ZACCHAEUS AT THE IRS"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

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

Lord, We Come To Ask Your Service

TFWS 2230 vs 1, 4, 1 (sung to UMH 526)

1. Lord, we come to ask your blessing
on the love that makes us one;
here, as Christians, to acknowledge
you are Lord, and you alone.

4. Lord, we come to ask your blessing
in the presence of our friends:
grant us joy that blesses others,
grant us love that never ends.

1. Lord, we come to ask your blessing
on the love that makes us one;
here, as Christians, to acknowledge
you are Lord, and you alone.

CLOSING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581 v. 1, 2, 4

1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

CLOSING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Naomi Martin

Leader: We go from this place to love inclusively.

May our hearts and love know no borders,
may our dreams be larger than before.

**People: We go from here to open the circle to those who call us,
seeking to answer their cry for justice as part of a global community.**

**And we go to do this knowing that we travel the journey of life
with the God whose love encompasses the whole world.**

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

worshipofferings (adapt)

POSTLUDE [ORGAN]

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieter Sweelinck