

# Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



LAKE PARK

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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*"We Will Get To The Promised Land"*

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Albert L. Peace  
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Sue Dickey

Leader: We are seeking -

**People: deeper faith,  
a place to belong,  
the feeling that God is here in this room.**

Leader: We are seeking -

**People: joy that overflows,  
the movement of the Spirit,  
a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.**

Leader: We are seeking -

**People: the freedom to be,  
the courage to have faith in love,  
the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**

Leader: We are seeking, but here in this space,

**People: We are found.**

Leader: Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.

**All: God is here. We are found. Amen.**

Community UMC (adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

How Can We Name A Love

UMH 111 vs 1,3,4

1. How can we name a Love  
that wakens heart and mind,  
indwelling all we know or think  
or do or seek or find?  
Within our daily world,  
in every human face,  
Love's echoes sound and God is found,  
hid in the commonplace.

3. When people share a task,  
and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new,  
to make or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will  
is better understood,  
that all should share, create, and care,  
and know that life is good.

4. So in a hundred names,  
each day we all can meet  
a presence, sensed and shown  
at work, at home, or in the street.  
Yet every name we see,  
shines in a brighter sun:  
In Christ alone is Love full grown  
and life and hope begun.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

## SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (CEB)

Sue Dickey

Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

Leviticus 19:18 (CEB)

You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "WE WILL GET TO THE PROMISED LAND" Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

## RESPONSE

Rain Down

Jamie Cortez, arr. John Carter

LMUMC Choir, Nicky Deremiah, soloist

## 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

(Please stand if able)

#### The Gift of Love

UMH 408

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

## CLOSING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Sue Dickey

Leader: Lord, thank you for revealing Your love to us today.

**People: We invite You to send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Fan into flame the gifts that you have given us.

**People: Come reveal Your grace and truth to us each day.**

Leader: Give us faith in your love.

**All: For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, Amen.**

lords-prayers-words (adapt)

## POSTLUDE

*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

Charles Gabriel  
arr. Mark Hayes