

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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"The Beloved Disciple" *UMCOR Sunday*

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March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* Will Thompson
Arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*) Fran Cooper

Leader: Come into the house of the Lord. Come and worship our God.

People: Praise be to God our Savior and Friend.

Leader: Remember what happened long ago when Christ was crucified.

People: Many witnessed. Many wept. Many told the story.

Leader: We carry on this story. The story of the witness at the cross.

People: We carry the faith of a people long ago.

All: Let us praise God today. Let us remember what God has done. Amen.

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OPENING SONG (Please stand if able)

John The Beloved Disciple

Lyrics by Margaret LeWright
Sung to The Gift of Love, UMH 408

1. John, the beloved, at His side
Sorrow and grief, he could not hide
Not knowing what this day would bring
Upon the cross, he saw his King

2. Your Mother's here, to John He told
And John's your son, to now behold
John took His Mother now to tell
That in his home, she now would dwell

3. Believe, I Am, Lord Jesus said
And through my words, you will be led
So in your love, it will be known
That you are now, one of my own

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE John 13:23 (CEB) Fran Cooper

One of the disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was at Jesus' side.

John 19:26-27 (CEB)

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"THE BELOVED DISCIPLE"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

RESPONSE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

LMUMC Choir

William B. Bradbury

arr. Gilbert Martin

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 [ORGAN]

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH 581 vs 1,4

1. Lord, whose love in 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.

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 SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

Go, Make of All Disciples

UMH 571 vs 1,3,4

1. "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.
3. "Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.
4. "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

CLOSING PRAYER (UNISON)

Fran Cooper

All: As we go from here, we go into the world
to live as beloved disciples of Jesus Christ,
to be a beacon of Christian hope, love, and encouragement
in the heart of Oakland and beyond.
Go in hope. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Higher Ground

Charles Gabriel
arr. Mark Hayes