

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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"Released From Trauma"

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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Calvin Taylor

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Naomi Martin

Leader: You who are poor, why have you come?

People: To hear the good news.

Leader: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

People: To heal our hearts.

Leader: You who are captive, why have you come?

People: To hear words of freedom.

Leader: You who are prisoners, why have you come?

People: To be released from what binds us.

Leader: You who mourn, why have you come?

People: To receive comfort.

Leader: Then you are welcome here in this place,
where Jesus offers blessings for all. Amen.

Joanna Harader (adapt)

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Christ Has Risen

TFWS 2115 vs 1,3,4

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

3. Christ has risen to companion
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

4. Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
making us what he has been -
evidence of transformation
In which God is known and seen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23 MSG

Naomi Martin

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jewish leaders, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

"RELEASED FROM TRAUMA"

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper

RESPONSE

Walk in the Light

LMUMC Choir

Larry Shackley

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

Give Thanks

TFWS 2036 (2x)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks.

CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

UMH 521

1. I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
3. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CLOSING PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Naomi Martin

Leader: Go in peace to enjoy and employ your gift of faith.

People: Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Fear neither outward foe nor inner temptation.

People: Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth

Leader: Rejoice in your blessings and smile in your adversities.

People: Our help is in the name of God who made heaven and earth.

All: The inexhaustible grace of Christ crucified,

the tireless, eternal love of God,

**and the live-in Guest who fills our household of faith with many gifts,
will be with us this day and for evermore. Amen.**

Bruce Prewer (adapt)

POSTLUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Mark Hayes