

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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Pentecost

Transformation and New Beginnings

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May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Arr. Jason W. Kris,

LMUMC Bell Choir

additions by Margaret LeWright

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Tom Huetteman, *Church Council Co-Chair*

Leader: In those days, says the Lord -

**People: In those days after Jesus rose from the dead,
in those days when no one really knew what was going on
or what was going to happen -**

Leader: In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

People: And when the disciples pushed out their fear

Leader: And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

People: And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood -

Leader: In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

People: With joy and awe.

The church was born.

All: Our church.

God's church.

Let us worship God. Amen.

Beth Merrill Neel

OPENING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

Naomi Martin, Song Leader

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

We Are the Church

UMH 558 refrain, v. 1, refrain

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

SCRIPTURE

E. Tyree Johnson, *CLM, Elmhurst UMC; Bay District Lay Leader* (English)
Galia Fragoso, *LMUMC Connectional Ministries* (Spanish)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

OUR STORIES

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper, Introduction

Ron Fujie, Lake Park

Dr. Ananse Taharka, Lake Park

Barbara Ganitch, St. Stephens / Lake Merritt

Virginia Turner, First / Lake Merritt

Rev. Sunae Cho, Lake Merritt UMC Today

SERMON

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

RESPONSE

A Canticle of Thanksgiving

Lloyd Pfautsch

LMUMC Choir and Congregation; Dr. Ananse Taharka, trumpet

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving. Let us worship and bow down before him. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.

Choral and instrumental response

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord; tell what things he has done.

Congregation: He sends the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field. By them the fowls in the heaven have their habitation. He waters the hills from his chambers.

Choral and instrumental response

Pastor: Remember the marvelous works he has done.

Congregation: He makes grass grow for the cattle, and herbs for people's work to bring forth food from the earth.

Choral and instrumental response

Pastor: Let your talking be of his wondrous works!

Congregation: We have all waited on God that he may give us meat in due season. When he gives it to us, we gather it; and when he opens his hand, we are filled with good.

Choral and instrumental response

Pastor: Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise?

Congregation: Let the people praise him! Let all the people praise him!

Choral and instrumental response

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one, eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

MERGER DECLARATION OF LAKE PARK UMC AND LAKE MERRITT UMC

Dear friends, the Scriptures teach us

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

that the Church is the household of God,
the body of which Christ is the head,
and that it is the design of the gospel
to bring together in one all who are in Christ.

We have come together to form a new congregation
of the United Methodist Church,
which is part of Christ's holy Church.

Let us dedicate ourselves to this purpose.

PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Dale Tremper, *Community Engagement Pastor*

Lord God, preserve your church.

Let your Word be heard and your Sacraments lived out among this people,
so that they may live in harmony with you and one another,
be confirmed in steadfast faith,
and be your brave witnesses and workers in the world. Amen.

WE ARE CALLED

Rev. Sun Hee Kim, *Bay District Superintendent*
Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

District Superintendent: By what name shall this church be known?

Pastor: It shall be called Lake Merritt United Methodist Church.

District Superintendent: In accordance with the laws and Discipline of the United Methodist Church,
I hereby declare that Lake Merritt United Methodist Church is duly constituted and organized for the glory of God, the proclamation of the gospel, and the service of humanity.

PRAYER

Joseph Koroma, *Church Council Co-Chair*

Almighty God,
upon your son Jesus Christ you built your Church.
Bless this your congregation.
Watch over its beginning,
increase its ministry and mission,
and sustain it to the end,
through Jesus Christ our foundation. Amen.

SOCIAL LITANY

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
call us by grace

Becky Dean

**People: to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

Nora Abesamis-Bell

People: And so shall we.

Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

John Champion

People: And so shall we.

Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

Deepak Krishnan

People: And so shall we.

Today is the day

Rose Lynn Abesamis-Bell

God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

People: And so shall we.

Today is the day

Alex Banash

God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

People: And so shall we.

All: Today is the day

Oliver Gamos

**God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind,
and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.**

PRAYER STATIONS

Be Thou My Vision

Dr. George Han, violin; Rev. Ken Schoon, *Deacon*, cello

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

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING [ORGAN]

Margaret LeWright, Song Leader

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87 vs 1,2,3

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?
2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

3. Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise, always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

CLOSING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)
Naomi Martin, Song Leader

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 546 vs 1,2,5

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation
by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us
that we might ever be
his living servant people,
by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name professing,
and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing
by Christ's own Spirit led.
5. We now on earth have union
with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion
with those whose rest is won.
O, happy ones, and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

BENEDICTION

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

POSTLUDE [ORGAN]

Now Thank We All Our God

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