

# Lake Merritt United Methodist Church



An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland

*Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.*

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## *Annual Conference Report*

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June 16, 2024  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

arr. Margaret LeWright

LMUMC Bell Choir

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Lead Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Jane Sliheet

Leader: You call us,  
wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,  
inviting us to sail out of our snug harbors  
into the uncharted waters of faith,  
to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You  
into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom;  
to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany  
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid.

**People: As we wait,  
in our simple, sometimes crazy,  
constantly uncertain lives,  
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:  
of that hope which is our anchor;  
of that peace which is our rock;  
of that grace which is our refuge. Amen.**

Rev. Bob Gibson

OPENING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

UMH 430

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:32-34 (NIV)

Jane Sliheet

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

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

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SERMON

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Laurel Williams, Lay Leader and Lay Delegate  
Sue Dickey, Lay Delegate  
Rev. Sunae Cho, Lead Pastor

## PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

After the sharing of gratitudes and concerns, you are invited to pray and/or light a candle at one of our prayer stations located around the sanctuary.

## 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

## Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings  
we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

## CLOSING SONG

(Please stand if able)

## Cry of My Heart

TFWS 2165

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.

1. Teach me your holy ways O Lord,  
so I can walk in your truth.  
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.

2. Open my eyes so I can see  
the wonderful things that you do.  
Open my heart more and more,  
and make me wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.

CLOSING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Jane Sliheet

All: Sisters and brothers, no one can follow Jesus for you or me,  
that's something we have to do for ourselves.  
But when we do, that's when real life begins.  
So go out into the world this week, living real life with Christ. Amen.

Cody Sandahl

POSTLUDE [ORGAN]

Fanfare Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach