

# 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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## *"Ready and Willing"*

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

Give Me a Clean Heart

LMUMC Bell Choir

Margaret J. Dourous

arr. Albert Denis

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*UNISON*)

Juliet Hannafin

**All: We gather together in the name of our God,  
the Maker of heaven and earth,  
who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us,  
and invites us instead into a transforming relationship  
with Him and with one another.  
Let's worship God together! Amen.**

[re:worship.blogspot.com](http://re:worship.blogspot.com)

OPENING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

- 1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

One day in one of the villages there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus he fell down before him in prayer and said, "If you want to, you can cleanse me."

Romans 12: 1-2 (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

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

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

## SERMON

*Ready and Willing*

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## RESPONSE

*Pie Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Nicko Moreno Flores, *treble*

**Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us eternal peace.**

## PRAYERS &amp; GRATITUDES

COMMUNITY PRAYER (*UNISON*)**Serenity Prayer**

God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;

trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

## 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

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

TFWS 2195 (x2)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

## CLOSING SONG

Spirit Song

(Please stand if able)

UMH 347

1. O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
come and fill your lambs.

## CLOSING PRAYER *(RESPONSIVE)*

Juliet Hannafin

Leader: Do not conform to the ways of the world,  
to its cynicism, fear, and divisions.

**People: But let our minds and hearts continually be open  
to transformation,  
to goodness,  
to all the possibilities of God.**

Leader: Go in peace:

do good,  
transform the world,  
embody in your life all that is possible through God. Amen.

[outoftheearth.wordpress.com](http://outoftheearth.wordpress.com) (adapt)

## POSTLUDE I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Trad. Spiritual  
arr. Mark Hayes