

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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"Humility"

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Here I am to Worship

Tim Hughes
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Stanley Huston

Leader: Creator God,
we ask you to come close and remind us,
of our belovedness as your children,
for we are feeling distant.

**People: Open our eyes to the beauty and pain we all contain,
and invite us to "do unto ourselves and others" in ways that build up
your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.**

**All: We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.**

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OPENING SONG [ORGAN]

(Please stand if able)

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Margaret LeWright

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSVue)

Stanley Huston

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

Humility

Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert

RESPONSE

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Mark A. Miller

W&S 3122

1. Christ has broken down the wall,
Christ has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one,
Christ has broken down the wall.

2. We're accepted as we are,
we're accepted as we are.
Through God's love, all is reconciled,
we're accepted as we are.

3. Cast aside your doubts and fears,
cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.

4. We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all;
Christ has broken down the wall!

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]

(Sung to "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," UMH 94, 2x)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Help us to work together well,
off'ring our humble service now.**

Follow Jesus, praise the Spirit,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG [ORGAN]

Jesus Calls Us

(Please stand if able)

UMH 398 v. 1, 3, 4, 5

**1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"**

**4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"**

**5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

CLOSING PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Stanley Huston

Leader: May the Holy One show you the way
to Do Unto Others with Humility.

**People: May the Christ whose Light is the Center of All-That-Is
ground you in the assurance that no one is outside of love.**

Leader: May the Spirit show forth through you
in extraordinary acts you never imagined you had the power to achieve.

**People: And may you know the peace that surpasses all understanding,
especially when it is difficult to understand.**

Leader: And the people said, **Amen!**

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POSTLUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes
arr. Mark Hayes