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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHRIST COMMUNITY CAUSE

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feeding the spiritual and physical hunger of Oakland.

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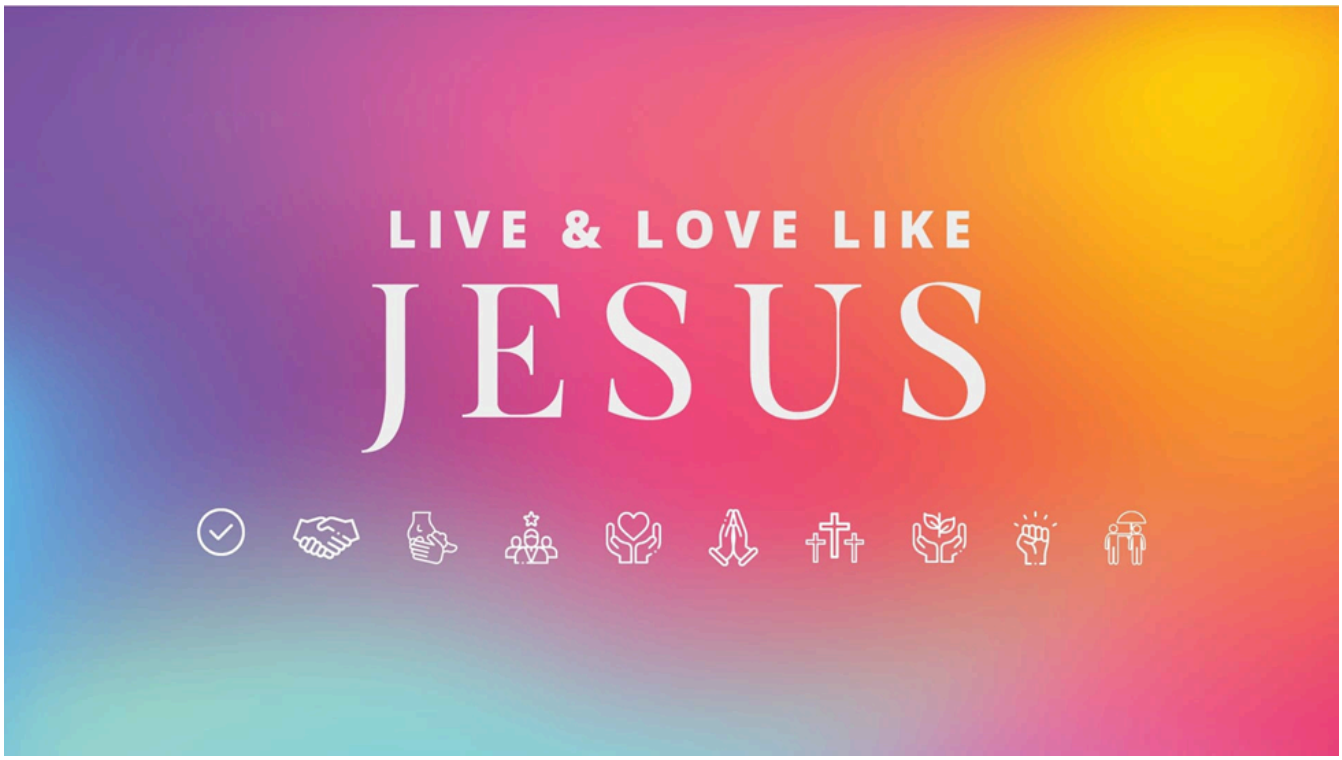

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Christ

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November 16, 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* LMUMC Bell Choir

Welcome Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive) Patty Staggs

Leader: We are gathered to worship together,
full of the joy we feel about God´s love for us.
People: He who loved us first,
has called us to love and care for one another.

Leader: With God's help, we can overcome hatred and anger.
People: We seek God and ask for guidance,
knowing that we can love because of this grace.

Leader: We hope to love like Jesus did.
People: We pray to live like Jesus did.

Leader: Come, oh beloved children, let us rejoice and sing a new song. Amen.

Katinka Kalusche (adapt)

Opening Song (Please stand if able)

My Life Is In You Lord
TFWS 2032

My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;
in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;
in you, it's in you.

I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life,
with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord;
my strength is in you Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;

in you, it's in you.

My life is in you, Lord;
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Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Response

Shout It Out

Margaret LeWright
LMUMC Choir

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11 (CEB)

Patty Staggs

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
by taking the form of a slave
and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore, God highly honored him
and gave him a name above all names,
so that at the name of Jesus everyone
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

We Strive To Live And Love Like Jesus

Chris Logan

Prayers & Gratitudes

Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

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 Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

God of change and glory, God of time and space,
When we fear the future, give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise
one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

Closing Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

Here I am, Lord

UMH 593

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.**

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Closing Prayer (responsive) Patty Staggs

Leader: We came to worship.
People: We go now to serve.

Leader: We have been given God's love.
All: We go now to share it.

Leader: We are Christ's disciples.
All: We go now to live and love like Jesus. Amen

Emily Tyler

Postlude *I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes