

Twin Towers United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 9:30 AM

Ravel Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Rod Murray

Leader: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace 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.

All: And so shall we.

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

All: And so shall we.

Leader: 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.

All: And so shall we.

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

All: And so shall we.

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

All: And so shall we.

Leader: Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

All: And so shall we.

Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken" UMH 145

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Creator, fill us with peace this day that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and the forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Bless us today, most merciful Creator. Hold Twin Towers in your hands that we may grow in your love and be guided by the Holy Spirit. These things we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Job 12:2-25

Pastor Bob

12 Then Job answered: 2 “No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you. 3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these? 4 I am a laughingstock to my friends; I, who called upon God and he answered me, a just and blameless man, I am a laughingstock. 5 Those at ease have contempt for misfortune,[a] but it is ready for those whose feet are unstable. 6 The tents of robbers are at peace, and those who provoke God are secure, who bring their god in their hands.[b]

7 “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you; 8 ask the plants of the earth,[c] and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you. 9 Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? 10 In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. 11 Does not the ear test words as the palate tastes food? 12 Is wisdom with the aged and understanding in length of days? 13 “With God[d] are wisdom and strength; he has counsel and understanding. 14 If he tears down, no one can rebuild; if he shuts someone in, no one can open up. 15 If he withholds the waters, they dry up; if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.

16 With him are strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are his. 17 He leads counselors away stripped and makes fools of judges. 18 He looses the sash of kings and binds a waistcloth on their loins. 19 He leads priests away stripped and overthrows the mighty. 20 He deprives of speech those who are trusted and takes away the discernment of the elders. 21 He pours contempt on princes and looses the belt of the strong. 22 He uncovers deep things from the darkness and brings deep darkness to light. 23 He makes nations great, then destroys them; he enlarges nations, then leads them away. 24 He strips understanding from the leaders[e] of the earth and makes them wander in a pathless waste. 25 They grope in the dark without light; he makes them stagger like a drunkard.

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fred Fielding

Hymn of Response

“Guide My Feet” TFWS 2208

Prayers of the People

As joys and concerns are lifted, response:

Leader: Loving God

People: We lift our hearts to you.

Children’s Prayer (in unison)

Father, we pray that you watch over the children and youth of our church and of the world.

Protect them from the Evil One in all his forms and disguises. We pray particularly for the

children of wars, for children treated as possessions, for children who are damaged, for children afflicted with disease and for children who suffer abuse. Help us to teach by word and deed so that their faith will be strong and that they will have the vision to see and use the gifts

of the Holy Spirit, for the life of your Kingdom,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace (in unison)

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn, but the sword of righteousness, where no strength is known, but the strength of love: send your Holy Spirit throughout this broken world, where the powerful make war and the zealots violate humanity in the name of their religion. Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of all men, that we may live in peace and love, as your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever and ever. **Amen**

Offering

<https://twintowersumc.org/giving>

(in Unison)

We give thanks, O God our heavenly Father, for the sacrifice and perfect gift of love in your child, your Holy son, Jesus Christ. We give thanks for your care and that you know all of our needs before we even ask. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit that is witness and speaks to us and guides us when we are open. We give thanks that you are always near. We return these gifts to you with grateful hearts. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Shine Jesus Shine” TFWS 2173

Benediction

Postlude

“Go Now in Peace” UMH 665

Thank You

Announcements and Invitations



Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays
@5:00 PM

Sign-up for April Dine and Connect: [DandC Volunteer Sign Up.docx](#)

Volunteers Needed for Dine & Connect

Help us prepare and serve 135 meals for our neighbors!

Monday May, 6th

First Monday of every month

Shifts:

- 12 p.m.- 4 p.m. - Cooking & Plating
- 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Serving & Cleaning Up



You can RSVP by clicking [here](#), or using the QR Code below!

Become a Force for Change Earth Day



Join us in a discussion of how we can act in a world in crisis hosted by TTUMC's Cunningham Community Health Action Team and the Laudato Si Small Group.

When: Sunday, April 28th, 11AM to 1PM

Where: TTUMC Social Hall/Gym

For planning purposes, please use the QR Code to RSVP and be sure to let us know how many people you are bringing with you.



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Rev. Michael Yoshii at
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presents

SOUND BATH

Join us every second **Friday**, beginning **November 10th**
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church (Sanctuary)
1330 Lakeshore Ave, Oakland, CA 94606
Park on Lakeshore Ave at metered parking

Choose how you would like to experience the Sound Bath
(Bring your own mat or blanket/pillow)

Sitting — \$20
In chairs facing the sides of the center stage, from the periphery of the church

Lying Down — \$35
Surrounding the center stage, on carpeted and hardwood floors



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