

# *Twin Towers United Methodist Church*

*Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 9:30 AM*

**Prelude**  
Instrumental

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

*Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!*

**People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.**

*Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.*

**People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.**

*Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.*

**People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.**

*Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!*

**People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen**

### **Opening Hymn**

**“The Summons” TFWS 2130**

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Children’s Moment**

### **Scripture**

*Today’s scripture reading is taken from the book of John 15:9-17. It reads:*

**9** As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

**12** “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants[a] any longer, because the servant[b] does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me, but I chose

you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

***People: Thanks be to God.***

## **Sermon**

*Pastor Akesa Po'oi Fakava*

## **Hymn of Response**

*"Help Us to Accept Each Other" UMH 560*

## **Prayers of the People**

As joys and concerns are lifted, response:

*Leader: Loving God*

***People: We lift our hearts to you.***

## **Offering**

<https://twintowersumc.org/giving>

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving (in Unison)**

We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer all we say, all we think, and all we hope, will take root in this world and be the source of new expressions of Your love, Your justice, Your healing, and Your reign in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Holy Communion**

*\*Please join in the bold and italics*

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess where we have sinned before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.***

*The Lord be with you.*

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

***Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

And so, in remembrance of these your  
mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in  
praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***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***

**Closing Hymn**

“Bind Us Together” TFWS 2226

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Let There Be Love”

*Thank You*

# Announcements and Invitations

[Sign Up Here for Dine and Connect](#)

## 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



**Choir  
Rehearsal**  
Wednesdays  
@5:00 PM

# SPRING FESTIVAL BAZAAR

126 YEARS OF FAITHFUL HOSPITALITY



**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024, 12 NOON TO 5 PM**

**12 NOON:**

Drumming Call by Tatsumaki Taiko

**1:00 PM:**

*"Building Bridges, Bringing Hope."*

A panel of speakers including Tsuru for Solidarity and T'ruah will share what they are doing to bring together communities in conflict.

Music provided by Ben Luis and friends.

**FOR SALE:**

Chicken Teriyaki Barbeque, Sushi, Yakisoba,  
Spam Musubi, Kalbi, Chicken and Vegetarian Curry, and More.  
Craft items for sale in the parsonage.

Please note that there will be a limited supply of chicken, kalbi,  
and curry dinners for sale on May 5th. We hope that you will  
pre order online at [bit.ly/BVBazaar2024](https://bit.ly/BVBazaar2024).

The order deadline is **April 28th**.



**BUENA VISTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
2311 Buena Vista Avenue at Park Street  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Telephone: (510) 522-2688  
[www.buenavistaumc.org/bazaar2024](http://www.buenavistaumc.org/bazaar2024)

*Free Parking Available at City Garage on 1415 Oak Street*

Join Alameda Sister City Association, Friends of Wadi Foquin, and Alameda Families & Friends for Ceasefire for an afternoon of celebrating Palestinian culture with tasty treats, beautiful live music, striking photography, and getting to know the West Bank village of Wadi Foquin.

Featuring special musical guests—  
Georges Lamnam, Loay Dahbour, and Hashem Abdel-Hadi

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

2:00 – 4:00 pm

2259 Central Ave. Alameda (TTUMC Gym)

Reserve your ticket today @  
<https://tinyurl.com/WFSisterCity>



Lake Merritt United Methodist Church  
*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



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.