

# *Twin Towers United Methodist Church*

*Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 9:30 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

*Leader: Creator God, we praise you!*

*People: Risen Christ, we greet you!*

*Leader: Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.*

*People: You alone are holy, and we worship you.*

*Leader: Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.*

*People: Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.*

*Leader: Gentle shepherd, you bless us, protect us and provide for us, and we give you thanks.*

*People: Alleluia! Shepherd us, O God, toward life.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!*

### **Opening Hymn**

*“We Are The Church” UMH 558 vs, 1, 2 & 4*

### **Opening Prayer**

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **Children’s Moment**

## Scripture

*Today's scripture reading is taken from the book of John 15:1-8. It reads:*

**15** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Pastor Akesa Po'oi Akava*

## Hymn of Response

*"Softly and Tenderly" UMH 348 all verses 1, 2, 3*

## Baptism

*Makihēle Unga Mack*

## April Birthdays

## Prayers of the People

As joys and concerns are lifted, response:

*Leader: Loving God*

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

## Closing Hymn

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129 all verses*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Thank You*

# Announcements and Invitations

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.



## NATIVE AMERICAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Your gift to the NACP helps develop and support new and existing Native American churches and faith communities by providing them with leadership and worship resources, scholarships, and personnel resources and services, as well as making available the gifts of the Native American community to all levels of the United Methodist Church.





# 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



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 Lammam, 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>



# Do you have a car you are not using?



Consider gifting it to the  
friends of Wadi Foquin



if you are interested, please contact  
**Rev. Michael Yoshii** at  
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## SPRING FESTIVAL BAZAAR

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**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**.



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