



*Worship Celebration*  
**April 28, 2024**

*Twin Towers United Methodist Church*  
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# WORSHIP GUIDE

*Before you begin your time of worship, find a comfortable place to be and gather whatever you might need: your Bible, something to write on and with, your computer/connected device (if you intend to listen to music online), etc. Feel free to adapt this worship guide in any way that makes best sense to you and those you might be gathered with. (Consider inviting someone – a friend, a family member – to worship with you.) Commit to spending the next hour with God.*

## Prelude

Listen and sing along to a song or hymn that blesses and centers your spirit.

## Call to Worship

Leader: Christ, you are the vine and we are your branches.

**People: Our life flows from you, and we give you thanks.**

Leader: You are the vine and we are your branches.

**People: Your love flows through us, and we praise you.**

Leader: You are the vine and we are your branches.

**People: We are one in you, and as one we worship you. Alleluia!**

## Opening Hymn

*“For The Beauty of the Earth” UMH 92*

## Scripture Reading

*Today’s scripture reading is taken from **John 15:1-8***

**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.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

Listen to 2024 sermons [here](#).

## **Hymn of Response**

*"I Am The Vine"*

## **Prayers of the People**

Spend time in prayer. What did you hear for yourself through today's scripture and reflection? Talk to God about it. Then lift up the joys and concerns that are in your heart. You might write them down, speak them aloud, or pray for them in silence.

We would be honored to pray with you and for you. Please send a note via text, mail, or email or give a call to our Healing Prayer Team.

## **Offering**

*How might you offer yourself and all that you have to God this week? How are you being invited to practice generosity? Spend a moment listening for God's direction.*

You are invited to contribute financially towards the purpose and ministry of TTUMC. We are a congregation committed to being conduits of God's healing in our neighborhood and beyond, and in so doing, impact the last and the least. You can contribute by mailing in a check, dropping off cash, or giving online (visit <https://twintowersumc.org/giving>).

## **Closing Hymn**

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454*

## **Postlude**

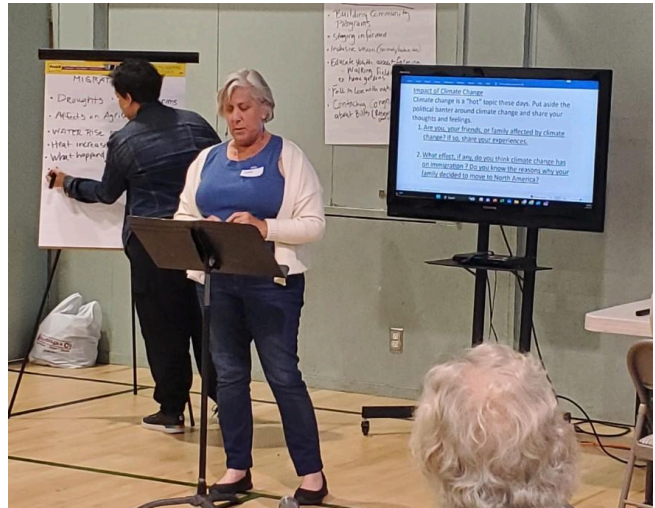
*"Jesus Put This Song Into Our Hearts"*

## **Benediction**

*Now go and pass Christ's peace!*

# Announcements and Invitations

The 1st Annual Earth Day Event was a success! Please take a moment to share your feedback so we can make adjustments for next year. **You can fill out a paper survey at the welcome table** or [click here](#) to be led to an electronic survey.



*To sign-up for Dine and Connect, click [here!](#)*

## 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



Seasonal

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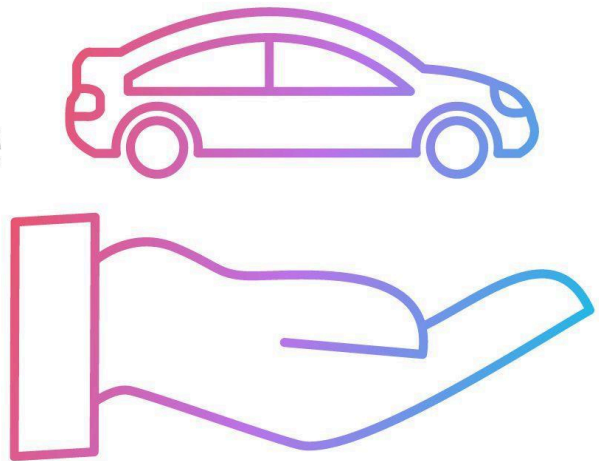
SATURDAY, MAY 4

12PM - 5PM

**Be Aware: On May 4th, 2024 from 7AM to 11PM** access to Alameda Ave at Oak Street, the Central Parking Lot (lot C) and Central Ave between Park Street & Oak Street will be **closed to traffic.**

# Do you have a car you are not using?

Consider gifting it to the  
Friends of Wadi Foquin



If you are interested, contact Rev. Michael Yoshii at  
[Michaelyoshii1@gmail.com](mailto:Michaelyoshii1@gmail.com)



## Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays  
@5:00 PM

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.

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>

