



Worship Celebration
February 18, 2024

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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: We are called to follow Jesus.

All: But following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

All: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

All: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

Opening Hymn: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH 334

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-38 NIV

“Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this

adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."“

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Listen to 2024 sermons [here](#).

Anthem of Response: “Can’t Help Falling in Love”

by Hugo Peretti, Luigi Creatore, and George David Weiss

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: “Celebrate Love” TFWS 2073

Benediction

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST'S PEACE!

Announcements and Invitations

**Alameda Warming Shelter
at Twin Towers UMC Church Gym**

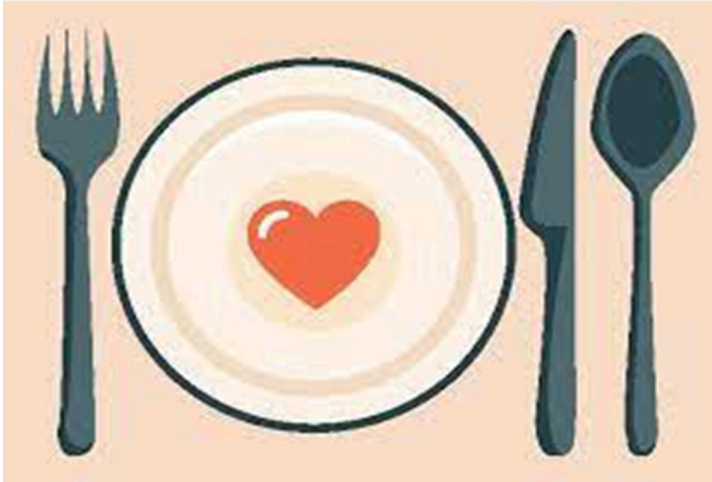
February 19 – March 2



**Choir
Rehearsal**

**Wednesday
5:00 p.m.**

Volunteers Needed for Dine & Connect Monday, March 4



Help us prepare and serve
135 meals for our
neighbors!

Shifts:

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

SIGN UP FOR DINE & CONNECT HERE: [w DandC Volunteer Sign Up.docx](#)

Join us in
raising the
ceasefire
banner
2/25 at
10:45 a.m.



Coming Fully Alive As You Age

Facilitator: Deacon Judith Pruess-Mellow

Dates: Mondays, February 12, 26, March 4, 11

Location: Alameda Mastick Senior Center

Please email or call to register: arpd@alamedaca.gov
or 510-747-7500

This class explores the positives of aging and ways to have a happier, healthier life in the later years, incorporating new research on the Blue Zones of the world. Blue zones are the places in the world with the healthiest, longest-living populations.



Small Group Opportunities

Pope Francis' Encyclical called *Laudato Si*

Last Saturday Monthly at 10:00 a.m.

Garner Residence

Following Jesus: Lenten Study

Thursdays, February 15- March 28, 6-7 pm facilitated

by Rev. Dr. Judith Pruess-Mellow via Zoom

Register for the Following Jesus: Lenten Study using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUIde6hqT4iH9S6b0ArvsuXdv4rwh9YufkV>

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.