



Worship Celebration
October 29, 2023

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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.

OPENING HYMN – “We Are Called” TFWS 2172 x2

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are your people! Lord, what are you calling us to do to feed the world?

All: Our world needs God’s healing touch, peace, justice, and restoration. Wherever our journey goes, God is with us. Yes, we are seeking God’s healing touch and hope. We are being sent forth to live your will!

Leader: Today, we are asking God to send us into this world two by two to witness holy boldness. With these hands and feet, God is healing hearts, transforming lives, renewing souls, raising us from death, and granting this new day!

All: Yes, we are seeking God’s healing touch! You are known as the one who draws crowds and feeds the hungry around the world!

Leader: What is our call today? We will worship an awesome God who sends forth healing to a dark world.

All: Let us worship God this day as new life comes forth in the name of Jesus Christ!

SCRIPTURE READING – John 6:1-13 and Mark 6:35-44 NIV

John 6:1-13

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2 and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, 9 “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the

five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

Mark 6:35- 44

35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” 37 But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” 38 “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” 39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

SERMON – You can watch Pastor Akesa’s message [here](#).

HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Take This Moment, Sign and Space” Worship & Song 3118 v. 1,2,5

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.*

Consider these questions:

- What is your understanding of stewardship of God’s gifts?
- How does returning to God some of the gifts you have received an expression of your faith?

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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

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/give>).

CLOSING HYMN – “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593 v. 1,2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST’S PEACE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INVITATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Midway Shelter Needs Our Help

We support Midway Shelter, the only women and children shelter operating in Alameda, by providing 30 meals twice a month (2nd Tuesday and 4th Wednesday of each month). Donors can participate as financial donors or as meal preparers.

To participate, please complete the information by clicking [here](#) and we will contact you. We can really use more help with this needed ministry. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for November Dine & Connect Monday, November 6



Help us prepare and serve
115 meals for our
neighbors!

Shifts:

12 p.m.-3 p.m. - Cooking & Plating
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Serving & Cleaning Up

SIGN UP FOR NOVEMBER 6 DINE & CONNECT HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1h0MrKcBCI1-3vHliwYnxvASglgcBOeWz/edit>

Walking Group & Picnic Invitation: Sunday, November 5, 12:00 p.m.

Bohol Circle Immigrant Park

Please meet at the front of the Target in the Alameda Landing Shopping Center.

Bring you own picnic ☺



AfterGlow Chorus Concert Stand Up: Support Ukraine & Fight Antisemitism

Sunday, November 5
3-4:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church
of Oakland
2501 Harrison Street
Oakland, CA 94612



PURCHASE NOVEMBER 5 CONCERT TICKETS HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/afterglow-chorus-concert-stand-up-support-ukraine-fight-antisemitism-tickets-693643284737>



Choir Practice

Wednesdays at
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.

MONEY 101

FINANCIAL LITERACY

 **Saturday, Nov 11th 2023**

 **1:00 PM PT**

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TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- + Personal Financial Literacy
- + Budgeting + Taxes + Inflation
- + Establishing Credit
- + Debt + Retirement + Savings
- + Building Wealth & Protection

YOUR EDUCATOR:



Ngoc Tran, CPA
Debt + Wealth Strategist

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- OR -





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@2PM
curry plate \$15
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**Sun 11/12
@10:30AM**

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