

Worship Celebration November 5, 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 – "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS 2008

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this All Saints Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

All: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 4:7-11 NIV

7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

SERMON – You can watch Fred Fielding's Stewardship message <u>here</u>.

HYMN OF RESPONSE – "The Power of Your Love"

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.

All Saints Day Prayer

Merciful God full of grace and mercy. We give you thanks and praise for gathering us together this morning and while it is seems hard to do so during this time of inhumane treatment of our fellow siblings in the Middle East, we do celebrate life and wholeness because of your abundant grace given to us. We ask you to please help us focus on each other's humanity and take action to support and bring about peace where we can. It is easy to be consumers of information, but give us the courage to be agents of justice and peace.

We also give you thanks for those who have gone before us, who have passed on the faith, that you have received back to your loving care for eternal rest as we remember them and give you all the glory for their love and witness.

Sanctify us by your Spirit and send us into the world as representatives of Christ, to love, to serve, and to show others the Way of Life. May we be your saints in this life until we join the communion of saints by your grace. Amen.

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).

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN – "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" TFWS 2237

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "We'll All Be Free" Cover by Ysrael Quezon *Use this link to listen to Ysrael's offering and follow along to the powerful lyrics.*

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST'S PEACE!

Announcements and Invitations





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

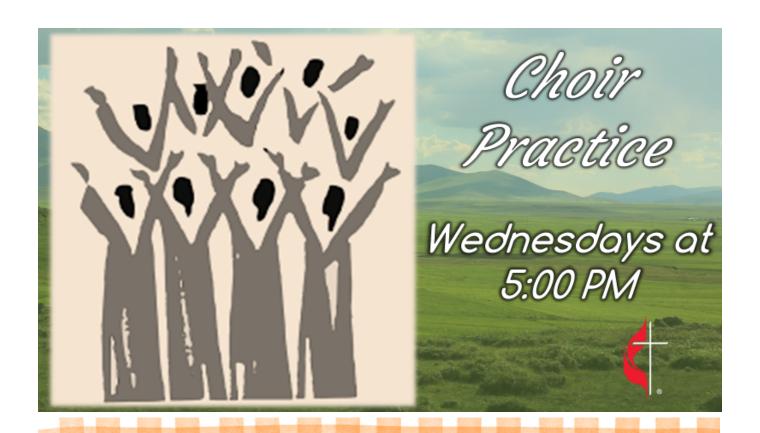
Park on Lakeshore Ave at metered parking

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.



Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday, November 26

Bring a dish for our potluck as we celebrate stewardship and screen the Twin Towers History Video directed and produced by our very own Timena Moli.





Join Twin Towers United Methodist Church for

Blue Christmas

A Blue Christmas service is offered especially for those feeling "blue" this Christmas. Join us on the longest night of the year to acknowledge the difficulties of life and to be reminded that you are not alone.

We will gather in hope for healing as we journey together.

6:00 pm on December 21 | In-Person and Virtual





