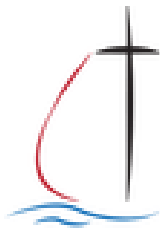


# United Lutheran Church of Oakland

“A Beloved Community, where you find friends”



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# Our Mission

United Lutheran Church of Oakland is a Beloved Community, rooted in the teachings and values of Love, Jesus Christ and Togetherness. We openly welcome all people as Children of God. We realize God's Will in our creative and compassionate expressions and service to one another. We are One with God and all Humanity.

## Our Vision

We gather on Sunday mornings in love and joy inspired by innovative Word, music, meditation, prayer and being in relationship with each other.

We form small groups for study of God's Word, including the Bible and to learn techniques of Mindfulness and other special topics of interest to renew and rejuvenate each other as human beings living a Christ-led and compassion-filled life.

We accept the spiritual curiosity of our children, young people, adults and the elderly and support their education and well-being through participation in the East Bay Lutheran Parish.

We celebrate each other's talents and gifts and encourage the giving of our gifts in realizing God's Will for our Beloved Community.

We feed the hungry, clothe the poor, pursue justice for all, pray for and support healing through our volunteerism and financial resources.

We utilize our Church Home facilities for the good of our immediate Oakland neighborhood, sponsoring events that inspire and celebrate the joys of life.

We do this in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



# Order of Service

## Prelude

*Breathing exercise and shorth focusing time to prepare our hearts for worship*

## Greeting:

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## Opening Hymn:

### "Come, All You People"



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

**L:** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, *ONE* God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into one truth.

**C:** AMEN.

## Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray

**C:** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

## THE WORD

### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. Word of God, Word of Life.

### **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

*You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits

is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Halle, Halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, Halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, Halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Gospel: John 1: 43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you , O Christ!**

**Homily: Pastor Andreas Pielhoop**

**Silence for Reflection**

**Hymn: "I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky"**

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

**Silence for Reflection**

**Prayers of the People.....each petition ends with:**

**P:** “...Lord, in your mercy”

**C:** “...Hear our prayer”

(You will have a chance to name your prayer after)

**P:** And what else do the people of God pray for?

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn:**

**“Listen, God Is Calling”**

Refrain  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Thanks be to God Alleluia!

## Pray that God's healing love will rest upon

- Mrs. Cecilia Charles-Cunningham
- Ethel McTiller
- Ivery McKnight
- Tammy Jackson
- Mrs. Stella Watson-Miller
- Pearl Wiley
- Edem Ekong
- Edward Miller
- Marie Ross
- All the people whose lives have been affected by the Corona Virus
- Odell Lewis
- All who are living in assisted living facilities
- Andrea Vindal
- Meg Hickman
- Seve Chacon
- Lorraine Chavez
- Gogi Hodder
- Sallielou Carter
- All who have been displaced by the wildfires in our state
- Pr.Ned and his household
- Pr.Craig
- Our Country
- Peace among the nations and religions of the world
- Those who are suffering from war
- Those who minister in your name

## Please also Pray for:

*If you would like to see a name added to the prayer list, please let the church office know.*

### **Reminder:**

Please do not forget to send in- or drop off your offering. 'God's Work - Our Hands' continues even in the times of sheltering-in-place.

## **Announcements**

**Jan 24th, 2021** Council Meeting following church service

**February 21, 2021** (First Sunday in Lent)

In the morning: a Conference-wide zoom **worship service**  
in the afternoon; **Bridges Conference Meeting**

**Due to the order for all Alameda County residents to shelter in place to slow the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we will not be holding Church services until further notice.**