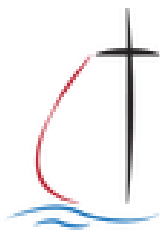


United Lutheran Church of Oakland

“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:

“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.

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96: 1-13

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to

all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. 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: Matthew 22: 15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you , O Christ!

Homily: Pastor Andreas Pielhoop

Silence for Reflection

Hymn:

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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: “Shall We Gather At The River”



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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
- Singleton-Smilely family
- Edem Ekong
- Edward Miller
- Marie Ross
- Steve Sabin
- Monica Brown and baby Cassidy
- Fletcher Carlyle
- Rev. Adisa Armand
- 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

Please also Pray for:

- Our Country
- Peace among the nations and religions of the world
- Those who are suffering from war
- Those who minister in your name

If you would like to see a name added to the prayer list, please let Pastor Andreas and/or 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.

United Community Hour
Every Tuesday 5:30- 6:30pm via phone conference
(call pastor's cell (415)577-5461)

Announcements

Sun 10/25 Reformation Sunday
Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations
Sun 10/25 Church Council meeting 11:30 am
Sun 11/1 2-5 EBLP meeting (via Zoom)
Sun 11/8 Hl. Baptism of Cassidy Brown

Pastor's quote of the week

"We are accepted and affirmed by God and so do not need to prove ourselves to him. We have been set free, and our liberation is total and comprehensive—it includes being set free from political, social and economic structures that are oppressive and unjust, since these would enslave us and make us less than God intends us to be. There is little about "pie in the sky when you die" in the gospel of Jesus Christ, for Christianity is the most materialistic of the major religions. There is nowhere that the writ of God does not run, for everything belongs to him. Caesar must be accorded what is appropriate for him, and God must have all—including Caesar's domain; otherwise there would be a part of the universe, of life, that did not fall under God's control.

—Bishop Desmond Tutu

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.