

United Lutheran Church of Oakland

“A Beloved Community, where you find friends”



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SERVING GOD TODAY

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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

Greeting and Welcome

Silent meditation time to prepare our hearts for worship

Gathering

L: The Spirit of God is among us and in our world!

C: Giving us new life and hope!

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.

P: 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

P: Let us pray

C: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

THE WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to ¹ be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they

saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: 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: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Homily

Provided by Pastor Doug Merritt

Hymn

We Are Marching In The Light Of God

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

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

P : “...God Of Grace”

C: “...Here our prayer”

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

Sending Hymn

Soon And Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



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no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
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soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

P: Go In Peace. Love Your Neighbor!

C: Thanks be to God.

Pray that God's healing love will rest upon :

- Mrs. Cecilia Charles-Cunningham
- Ivery McKnight
- Tammy Jackson
- Mrs. Stella Watson-Miller
- Pearl Wiley
- Edem Ekong
- Edward Miller
- Marie Ross
- All the people who have been affected by the Corona Virus
- All who are living in assisted living facilities
- Jackie Clark
- Sallielou Carter
- The citizens and inhabitants of Ukraine
- Pr.Ned and his household
- Pr.Craig and his household
- Rena Ferrell
- Pr. Dan and Barbara Solberg
- Pr. Andreas Pielhoop and Family
- Ekong Family
- Emily Fucles
- Vodhen Fucles
- Ernestine Camp and Family
- Esther Holland and Family
- Loretta Harrison and Family
- Johnella Mayo, Elaine Adams and the Bland Family
- Jalynda Booker and Family

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 the church office know.