

# Skyline Church of Oakland

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**Sunday, June 18, 2021 at 10am**

**<https://zoom.us/j/716026467>**

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<b>PASTOR</b>	Laurie Manning
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Michael Armijo
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<b>HOST</b>	Tom & Josh Manley

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**PRELUDE**

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

**WELCOME & PASSING THE PEACE**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** Michael  
Psalm 24 adaptation

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the Goddess of Grace may come in.  
Who is the Queen of Glory?  
She reigns, strong and mighty,  
Our God, mighty in love,  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that She may come in.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Michael  
Psalm 19 adaptation

Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place, among these people.

Connect our temporary praise to Your timeless rhythms, Your ageless melodies, Your everlasting joyful noise.

Guide us now to focus upon You, knowing that, in You, our distractions become new possibilities for action.

Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN** AMECH 172 (attached)  
*Amen, Amen*, trad. African-American  
arr. John F. Wilson

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 43: 1-4 adaptation  
But now, this is what the Lord says—She who created you, She who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am your God, the Holy One, your Savior;  
4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,

## SECOND READING

*The Journey* by Mary Oliver

One day you finally knew what you had to do, and began, though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice--though the whole house began to tremble and you felt the old tug at your ankles. "Mend my life!" each voice cried. But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do, though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations, though their melancholy was terrible. It was already late enough, and a wild night, and the road full of fallen branches and stones. But little by little, as you left their voice behind, the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice which you slowly recognized as your own, that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could do--determined to save the only life that you could save.

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

*Hajci, Meni, Hajci*, trad. Ukranian, arr. Kitka

## SERMON

*Home Calling*

## RESPONSE HYMN

BB 646 (attached)  
*Down to the River to Pray*  
attr. George H. Allan

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS [skylineucc.org/news](http://skylineucc.org/news) >

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All: Our Creator/Mother/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

## GIVING & RECEIVING OF GIFTS

Offerings will be received in the basket on the rear table, where envelopes are available. Checks can be made out to Skyline Community Church at 12540 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, 94619. Please add a memo if your offering is part of your annual pledge. The congregation is invited to use credit card, text-to-pay, or bank transfers with Stripe, through our member database [skyline.churchtrac.com](http://skyline.churchtrac.com). Friends may make credit card contributions through Stripe at [skylineucc.org/give](http://skylineucc.org/give) (preferred) or at [paypal.me/skylinechurch](http://paypal.me/skylinechurch).

## OFFERTORY

*Home* by Charlie Smalls  
sung by Katy Givler

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CLOSING HYMN

*You've Got a Friend*  
by Carole King

*All: You just call  
out my name  
And you know, wherever I am  
I'll come runnin', runnin'  
To see you again  
Winter, spring, summer or fall  
All you have to do is call  
And I'll be there.  
(You've got a friend.)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

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OPENING HYMN

# Amen, Amen

A - men, A - men,

*Solo*

1. See the lit - tle ba - by ly - ing in a man - ger  
 2. See Him in the tem - ple talk - ing to the el - ders;  
 3. See Him at the sea - shore preach - ing to the peo - ple,  
 4. See Him in the gar - den pray - ing to the Fa - ther  
 5. See Him on the cross bear - ing all my sins  
 6. Yes, He died to save us and He rose on Eas - ter,  
 7. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is my Sav - ior

men! A - men, A -

*last time*

on Christ - mas morn - ing,  
 how they all mar - velled!  
 heal - ing all the sick ones!  
 in deep - est sor - row!  
 in bit - ter ag - o - ny,  
 now He lives for - ev - er!  
 for He lives for - ev - er!

men, A - men, A - men, A - men!

*last time*

A - men,

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AMEN  
 Irregular

RESPONSE HYMN

# DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

American folk song

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piece begins with a 2/4 time signature, changes to 3/4, and returns to 2/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-bout that  
good old way and who shall wear the star - ry crown— Good Lord,  
show me the way! O \*sis-ters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on  
down. O \*sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

\*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Text and music: American folk song; "The Good Old Way," attr. to George H. Allan,  
fr. *Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867.