

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin August 1, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Tom Elson

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:15-17

One: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

All: For you have no delight in sacrifice;

One: if I were to give you a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

One: Come, let us worship the living God.

Song: O For a 1000 Tongues

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and king
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious master and my God
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me

Look unto him, your savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Prayer of Confession

Janet Sanders

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our
lonely and confused world. Yet your Spirit reveals to us, as prophet Nathan revealed to
King David, just how far we have strayed from your ways.
We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have been more callous than compassionate, more insulated than involved.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.
Gracious Lord, in your unwavering love, have mercy on us.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Like King David, we cry to you:
O God, create in us a clean heart,
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and grant us a willing spirit to sustain us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:7a; John 6:24-35

2 Sam 11:26-12:7a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for
him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she
became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to
David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one
rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man
had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew

up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon: Prophesying against Privilege

Rev. Mark Stryker

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer / 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Call to Give

Song: Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's 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?

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?

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

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 'til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I Am, Lord
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Benediction

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