

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin

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Welcome / Call to Worship

Rev. Mark Stryker

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst,

All: We come to drink deeply from the river of life.

One: Come to the water, all you who are weary,

All: We come to rest near the living flow of God's love.

One: Come to the water, all you who long for what is good and right, come be renewed in God's ever-flowing streams of justice.

All: God is here among us, washing away the dust and grime of our lives, and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

One: Let us worship the majestic name of God together.

Song: Oh Our Lord

Oh our Lord
Oh our Lord
How majestic is your name in all the earth

We behold the rising sun, the earth awakes, your hope has come
We look to you, we long for you oh Lord
We behold the breaking dawn, the light that shines over everyone
We look to you, we long for you oh Lord

We behold the falling rain like waters rise and flood this place
We reach for you, we cling to you oh Lord

Oh your name is a light in the darkness
Oh your name is the word of truth
Oh your name, oh your name

Oh Our Lord
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Prayer of Confession

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Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take the awareness of your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives wrongdoing?
You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
You will have compassion on us again;
you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our wrongs into the depths of the sea.

One: Friends, believe the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he

said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Sermon: The Lord’s Grace Flows Even in the Lowest Places

Grace So

Affirmation of Faith: The 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 the Lord's Table

Great Prayer / 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.

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Call to Give / Call to Serve

Martha Allen

Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed

To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson
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