

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin October 17, 2021

Welcome / Call to Worship

Grace So

One: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

All: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

One: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

All: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

Song: Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
and we live for you

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
and we live for you, oh we live for you

*Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you
Open up our eyes in wonder and
show us who you are and fill us with your heart
and lead us in your love to those around us*

And we will build our life upon your love
It is a firm foundation
And we will put our trust in you alone
and we will not be shaken

Build My Life
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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark Stryker

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the Good News:

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

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-19

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.” So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

One: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Lord Will Provide

Rev. Tom Elson

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Paul Yeager

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.

Call to Give

Unpil Baek

Song: Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be
consecrated Lord to thee
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my king
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
every power as you choose, every power as you choose

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Benediction
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