

# First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin October 24, 2021

## **Welcome / Call to Worship**

*Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

One: Come, let us worship God.

**All: Let us lift up our joys, laments, prayers, and praises to God.**

One: Come, let us honor Jesus the Christ.

**All: Let us worship Christ with our heart and mind, spirit, and body.**

One: Come, let us esteem the Spirit of the Living God.

**All: Let us tell of the good works of the Spirit in our midst. Alleluia!**

## **Song: O God, Our Help In Ages Past**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is thy arm alone,  
and our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home!

O God, Our Help In Ages Past  
Isaac Watts, William Croft  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

*Rev. Mark Stryker*

God of all things holy and just, in whom we live and move and have our very existence, your face is hidden from us by our sins. We have forgotten your mercy through the blindness of our hearts. We have not loved our neighbors and our adversaries, failing to see your face in them. Heal us from this blindness and forgive our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and empty desires. With reverent and humble hearts, we draw near to you and ask you to draw near to us as we confess our faults, confide in your grace, and find the safety and strength to live justly and love mercy.

### **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: Excerpts from Genesis 24**

#### **Sermon: Steadfast Love**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Rev. Tom Elson*

#### **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

René Clausen (b. 1953)

## **Call to Give**

*Aeryn Johnson*

### **Song: Be Still, My Soul**

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God, to order and provide  
In every change, he faithful will remain  
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as he has the past  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below

In you I rest, in you I found my hope  
In you I trust; you never let me go  
I place my life within your hands alone  
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

Be Still My Soul

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## **Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*