

# First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin November 7, 2021

## Welcome / Call to Worship

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

One: Whether together or apart,

**All: We are the church.**

One: In sacred sanctuaries or humble homes,

**All: We are the church.**

One: In times of calm and distress,

**All: We are the church.**

One: In sickness and in health,

**All: We are the church.**

One: Forever bound together by the Holy Spirit,

**All: We will always be the church.**

## Song: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;

Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen, How thy desires have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

If with his love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again,

Gladly for aye we adore him

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  
Joachim Neander  
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### **Prayer of Confession**

*Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

ONE: For the times we have lied to one another  
and the times we have been lied to,

ALL: **heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

ONE: For the times we have disregarded another's pain and the times we have been  
disregarded,

ALL: **heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

ONE: For the times we have spoken when we should have remained silent and the  
times we have remained silent when we should have spoken,

ALL: **heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

ONE: For the times we have not respected another's freedom to be different from us,

ALL: **heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

ONE: For the times we have betrayed a friend and the times we have been betrayed,

ALL: **heal us, Jesus, Savior of the world.**

ONE: O God of heaven and earth,  
you emptied yourself of your power  
and became a helpless baby  
in order that you might heal the sick world.

ALL: **Teach us to empty ourselves of the things  
that sicken us and keep us alone.**

**Empty us of our jealousy, of our meanness, of our fear of others.  
For Jesus' sake.**

### **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 37:1-11; 19-24**

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.' His brothers said to him, 'Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream, and told it to his brothers, saying, 'Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.' But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him, and said to him, 'What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?' So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

### **Sermon: What Comes of Dreams**

*Rev. Mark Stryker*

### **Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

*Rev. Tom Elson*

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 / The Lord's Prayer**

*Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

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**

*Steve and Shirley Easton*

### **Song: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

My shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is his name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting grace drives all my fears away

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
Isaac Watts  
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## **Benediction**

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