

# First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin

## February 6, 2022

*As we celebrate Black History Month the music you will hear includes many songs from African and African American composers. They speak of joy and overwhelming hope for a better today and tomorrow. We hope these songs will enrich and be a source of encouragement and strength for your journey of faith.*

**Prelude: King of Kings** - by Ralph Simpson  
*James Parrish Smith*

**Welcome**  
*Ralph Anderson*

### Call to Worship

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

**All: God calls us to be builders as well.**

One: God calls us to build our lives:

**All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.**

One: God calls us to build our faith:

**All: to study God's Word and live it out.**

One: God calls us to build our community:

**All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.**

One: Together, we are the body of Christ!

**All: Let us worship our God together.**

### Song: Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea  
Sing a song full of the faith  
That the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope  
That the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod  
Bitter the chast'ning rod  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died  
Yet with a steady beat  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed  
We have come over a way  
That with tears has been watered  
We have come treading our path  
Through the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years  
God of our silent tears  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path we pray  
Lest our feet stray from the places  
Our God where we met Thee  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine  
Of the world we forget Thee  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand  
May we forever stand  
True to our God true to our native land

Lift Every Voice and Sing  
J. Rosamond Johnson | James Weldon Johnson  
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### **Prayer of Confession**

*Li-Wen Monk*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people;  
come among us and save us.

We have willfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, forgive us.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others, and we have not come to their aid; Lord,  
forgive us.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, forgive us.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord,

forgive us.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves; Lord, be merciful to us, and forgive us.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, believe the good news:

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

### **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Song: Come All Christians Be Committed**

Come all Christians be committed  
To the service of the Lord  
Make your lives for Him more fitted  
Tune your hearts with one accord  
Come into His courts with gladness  
Each His sacred vows renew  
Turn away from sin and sadness  
Be transformed with life anew

Of your time and talents give Him  
They are gifts from God above  
To be used by Christians freely  
To proclaim His wondrous love  
Come again to serve the Savior  
Tithes and off'rings with you bring  
In your work with Him find favor  
And with joy His praises sing

God's command to love each other  
Is required of ev'ryone  
Showing mercy to each other  
Mirrors His redemptive plan  
In compassion He has given  
Of His love that is divine  
On the cross sins were forgiven  
Joy and peace are fully thine

Come in praise and adoration  
All who on Christ's name believe  
Worship Him with consecration  
Grace and love will you receive  
For His grace give Him the glory  
For the Spirit and the Word  
And repeat the gospel story  
Till the world His name has heard

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Benjamin Franklin White | Eva B. Lloyd | James H. Wood; CCLI Song # 25204

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### **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 12:12-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

One: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon: The Body of Christ**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell; Rev. Tom Elson; Jeff Hancock*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

### **Invitation to the Table**

*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga, Rev. Tom Elson*

### **Great 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 Elements**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Call to Give**

*Doug Chin*

## **Song: Welcome to the Table**

Who is welcome at the table of the Lord?  
All are welcome here, you are welcome here  
Who is welcome in the house of the Lord?  
All are welcome here, you are welcome here

All the hurting, hungry, tired and afraid,  
all the lonely, broken people with no place:  
we call you blessed child, you show us Christ's face  
You are blessed child, you show us God's grace

Welcome to the Table  
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## **Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*