

# First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin

## February 20, 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: Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho** (Fela Sowande)  
*James Parrish Smith*

**Welcome**  
*Rev. Mark Stryker*

### Call to Worship

One: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**All: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**Songs: The Gift Of Love** (Hymnal #593)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love my words are vain,  
as sounding brass and hopeless gain

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin

Come spirit come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed

The Gift of Love  
Hal H. Hopson; CCLI Song # 67327 © Words: 1972 Hope Publishing Company  
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## **Prayer of Confession**

*Rev. Mark Stryker*

Merciful God, in baptism your promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your lovingkindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live fully in your grace.

## **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.**

## **Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:1-25**

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults. In the law it is written,

“By people of strange tongues  
and by the lips of foreigners  
I will speak to this people;  
yet even then they will not listen to me,”

says the Lord. Tongues, then, are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, an unbeliever or outsider who enters is reproved by all and called to account by all. After the secrets of the unbeliever’s heart are disclosed, that person will bow down before God and worship him, declaring, “God is really among you.”

One: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **Sermon: Prophecies and Tongues**

*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

### **Baby Blessing**

*Rosemarie Eichner-Raja*

### **Baptism**

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

### **Lord’s Prayer**

*Rev. 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.

### **Call to Give**

*Rosemarie Eichner-Raja*

### **Song: Our God Saves**

In the name of the father, in the name of the son,  
in the name of the spirit, Lord, we come  
We're gathered together to lift up your name,  
to call on our savior, to fall on your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering  
as your saints bow down, as your people sing  
We will rise with you, lifted on your wings  
and the world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves  
There is hope in your name  
Mourning turns to songs of praise  
Our God saves, our God saves

Our God Saves  
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### **Benediction**

*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*