

# First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin

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### Prelude

### Welcome & Call to Worship

*Rev. Mark Stryker*

One: We come to remember and rejoice in the presence of the Lord, the one God of all.

**All: Our mothers and fathers were fed by the hand of the Lord with manna in the wilderness. They were fed so we would know that our life does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

One: Come worship Christ, the Living Word, and feed upon the Bread of Life.

### Song: Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; for my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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### Prayer of Confession

*Rev. Tom Elson*

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

by Barbara Merrill Neel

### **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: Luke 7:36-50**

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon: The Scripture Read, The Word Proclaimed**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

## **Baptism**

*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga, Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, Leah Tang*

Do you, members of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, and all believers worshiping with us, promise, on behalf of the church universal, to undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of Yuna Kim, that as she continues to grow, she will know that she belongs to God and is meant to serve God's purposes in the World? (**We do.**)

Do you, the children of First Pres and Yuna's brother, Kuanu, welcome her into your church, and do you promise to be a friend to her, share with her, joining in her laughter, drying her tears when she cries, helping her up when she falls down, and teaching her what you know about God? (**We do.**)

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church;  
For we are all one in Christ.  
We promise to love, encourage, and support you,  
To share the good news of the Gospel with you,  
And to help you know and follow Christ.**

## **Prayers of Dedication**

*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**

*Janay Foster*

## **Song: Speak O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you,  
to receive the food of your holy word  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today,  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes, for your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience,

holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes,  
in the radiance of your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
that will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises;  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory

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### **Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

### **Postlude**