

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin July 10, 2022

Prelude: Be Thou My Vision (arr. Dale Wood)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Tom Elson

One: I will sing about the wonders of your love forever, O God!

All: I will tell everyone I meet about your faithfulness to all generations!

One: I will declare that your love stands firm,

All: that your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above!

One: Blessed are those who know you as their God,

All: for they walk in the light of your presence!

Song: Brethren We Have Met To Worship (Holy Manna)

Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God;
will you pray with all your power,
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain, unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down:
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sisters aided him;
will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
tell them all about the Savior--
tell them that he will be found:
sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Let us pause before our Maker and in silence hear her voice
Christ the living word now meets us
In his truth let us rejoice.
what we are should not appall us for his mercy meets us here;
we are now made one in Jesus,
may our worship be sincere.

Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other too;
let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
then he'll call us home to heaven,

at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

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Prayer of Confession

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You call us to be your voices in this world
and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world
and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world
and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross
and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones
bring freedom to these lives
that we might declare
with heart and soul and voice
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen

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: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants

for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Treasures in Jars of Clay

Rev. Terry Dwyer

Musical Reflection: Abide With Me (arr. Donald Busarow)

Lord's Prayer

Beth Thomsen

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

Song: Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore

Renew your church, her ministries restore
both to serve and adore
make us again as salt throughout the land
and as light from a stand
'mid somber shadows of the night
where greed and hatred spread their blight
O send us forth with power endued
help us, Lord, be renewed

Teach us your Word, reveal its truth divine
on our path let it shine
tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace
from each page show your face

as you have loved us, sent your Son
and our salvation now is won
O let our hearts with love be stirred
help us, Lord, know your word

Teach us to pray, for you are ever near
your still voice let us hear
our souls are restless till they rest in you
this the goal we pursue
before your presence keep us still
that we may find for us your will
and seek your guidance every day
teach us, Lord, how to pray

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind
each and all, humankind
break down old walls of prejudice and hate
leave us not to our fate
as you have loved and given your life
to end hostility and strife
O share your grace from heaven above
teach us, Lord, how to love

Amen

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Benediction

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Postlude: Cathedral Fanfare (Gordon Young)