

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin

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Prelude: Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come, broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
O wanderer, come home you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure,
earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

One: Awe-inspiring God, we gather together to praise you
for your tender compassion and care of needy people.

All: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your prayers.

One: Listening God, we gather to revere and honor your
supportive concern for people who cry to you for help.

All: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your praise.

One: People of every nation are called to gather together to
worship God, in thankfulness for God's loving mercies.

All: Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your worship. Amen.

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Song: Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst, we worship you, we worship you
You are here, working in this place, we worship you, we worship you

You are way maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper, light in the darkness

My God, that is who you are

You are here, touching every heart, we worship you, we worship you
You are here, healing every heart, we worship you, we worship you

You are here, turning lives around, we worship you, we worship you
You are here, mending every heart, we worship you, we worship you

That is who you are, that is who you are
That is who you are, that is who you are

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

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: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Distant Hope

Rev. Dr. Riana Shaw Robinson

Affirmation of Faith and Invitation to the Table

Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell, Rev. Paul Yeager

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's 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.

Call to Give

Song: Great Is Your Faithfulness (music image available below)

Great is your faithfulness, O God, creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
you do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.

Great is your faithfulness!
great is your faithfulness
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed your hand has provided,
great is your faithfulness, God, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is your faithfulness
great is your faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed your hand has provided,
great is your faithfulness, God, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

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great is your faithfulness, God, unto me

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Benediction

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Postlude: Trumpet Tune in C Major (David Johnson)

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!