

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin—03/26/2023

❖ **Prelude: Come Let Us Worship**

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❖ **Call to Worship—*Eleanor Sallee***

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Wondering and wrestling, seeking and dreaming.

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Suffering and waiting, praying and hoping.

One: We have been in the wilderness—

All: Hungry and thirsty, tempted and tested.

One: We have been in the wilderness, but we have not been alone:

All: For God walks with us, every step of the way.

One: So let us worship our God together.

❖ **Song: Oh Our Lord**

Oh our Lord

Oh our Lord

How majestic is your name in all the earth

We behold the rising sun, the earth awakes, your hope has come

We look to you, we long for you oh Lord

We behold the breaking dawn, the light that shines over everyone

We look to you, we long for you oh Lord

We behold the falling rain like waters rise and flood this place

We reach for you, we cling to you oh Lord

Oh your name is a light in the darkness

Oh your name is the word of truth

Oh your name, oh your name

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❖ **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

You invite us to plant a garden of love and harmony, but we grow weeds of prejudice and hatred. You invite us to sow joy and gratitude, but we scatter seeds of greed and envy. You call us to tend the soil of fear and denial, but instead we close our eyes and let the earth suffer. Forgive us. You invited us to plant a garden, and we lost ourselves in the wilderness. Clear our hearts. Breathe life into these weary bones and grant us a fresh start. Gratefully we pray.

❖ **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.

❖ **Regathering Music**

❖ **Welcome**

❖ **Scripture: Psalm 13**

How long, LORD, will you continue to ignore me?

How long will you pay no attention to me?

How long must I worry,
and suffer in broad daylight?

How long will my enemy gloat over me?

Look at me! Answer me, O LORD my God!

Revive me, or else I will die.

Then my enemy will say, "I have defeated him."

Then my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trust in your faithfulness.

May I rejoice because of your deliverance.

I will sing praises to the LORD

when he vindicates me.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

❖ **Sermon: Facing Our Fear of... Pain—*Rev. Mark Stryker***

❖ **Musical Reflection**

❖ **Invitation to the Wilderness—*Susan Phillips***

❖ 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—*Doug Chin*

❖ Song: He Hideth My Soul

A wonderful savior is Jesus my Lord
A wonderful savior to me
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
Where rivers of pleasure I see

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
That shadows a dry thirsty land
He hideth my life in the depths of his love
and covers me there with his hand
and covers me there with his hand*

A wonderful savior is Jesus my Lord
He taketh my burden away
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved
He giveth me strength as my day

With numberless blessings
each moment he crowns
and filled with his fullness divine
I sing in my rapture, oh glory to God
for such a redeemer as mine

When clothed in his brightness
transported I rise
to meet him in clouds of the sky
His perfect salvation, his wonderful love
I'll shout with the millions on high

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❖ Benediction—*Rev. Mark Stryker*

❖ Postlude