

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin—08/27/2023

❖ **Prelude: Amazing Grace** (arr. Christopher Pardini)

❖ **Call to Worship—Rev. Drew Paton**

One: Like a pink rose in the hot sun,

Many: Let us fall open in the presence of our God.

One; Let every leaf and petal arch backwards

Many: And give over its color to the world in wait.

One: Every stuck place -

Many: we surrender.

One: Every hiding place -

Many: we depart.

One: All that is unresolved in our hearts -

Many: we entrust to You.

One: For the One who loved us into being,

Many: is still creating and making all things new.

❖ **Song: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
thou our Father, Christ our Brother--all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” by Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven. © Public Domain. CCLI License # 133385

❖ **Prayer of Confession**—*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

Lord, you have called us to be your children, and we want to be, but sometimes we act more like we aren't. You want us to love and care for others, but too often we love ourselves most and take care only of ourselves. You want us to be honest in all things, but we sometimes twist the truth to get our own way. You want us to admit it when we are wrong, but we try to cover up our sins or pretend that they are only mistakes. Forgive us.

❖ **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
Singing glory, hallelujah
Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me
Singing glory, hallelujah
Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me
Singing glory, hallelujah
Jesus lifted me.

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" African-American Traditional.

❖ **Litany of Parting**—*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

Congregation: May God be with you there.

Children: May God be with you here.

❖ **Welcome**

❖ **Scripture: Romans 12:1-2**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

❖ **Sermon: A New Pattern for Living—*Rev. Tom Elson***

❖ **Musical Reflection: Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving I'll be a living
sanctuary for you

"Sanctuary" by John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs. © 1982 Full Armor Publishing Company; Whole Armor Publishing Company.

❖ **Prayer's of the People / Lord's Prayer—*Rev. Mark Stryker***

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—*Janet Sanders***

❖ **Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be

(Chorus:)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, 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 thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love *(to Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(to Chorus)*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” by Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan. © 1998 Public Domain.

❖ **Benediction**—*Rev. Tom Elson, Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

❖ **Postlude: Fanfare** (Jacque Lemmens)