

# Order of Worship

May 28, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

## Prelude

*Improvisation*

## For Your Reflection

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. — 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:18

Children in playgrounds and at fun fairs like to be a little scared: Those screams of fear and of joy are very close. It is the readiness to run risks — both physical and emotional — with open-hearted excitement, and the willingness to be surprised by whatever happens next, that wins the glittering prize: the vision of the glory of God. — Sara Maitland

Smiles mixed with curses the crowd disperses  
About whom no details are known  
Each one alone, yet not alone  
Behind the pain/fear etched on the faces  
Something is shining, like gold but better

You see the extremes of what humans can be?  
And in that distance some tension's born  
Energy surging like a storm  
You plunge your hand in and draw it back scorched  
Beneath its shining like gold, but better  
Rumors of glory

— Bruce Cockburn

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.  
— Charles R. Swindoll

## \*Church Bell

(\*The congregation is invited to stand)

## \*Call to Worship

Liturgist: We gather as God's people:

**People: To seek direction in the living of our lives.**

Liturgist: We gather as God's people:

**People: To be still and hear what God would have us do.**

Liturgist: We gather as God's people:

**People: To be renewed, restored and recreated.**

Liturgist: We rejoice that we are God's people:

**All: To serve, to love and to worship our God.**

\*Hymn 43 (10:30am)

Praise to the Lord

*Lobe den Herren*

## **Prayer of Praise and Invocation**

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayer of Preparation and Confession**

*Loving God, you call us out of darkness and into your marvelous light. But we crouch in the shadows, ashamed of the wrong we have done, and of the good we have neglected to do. We have been timid disciples, afraid of putting our lives on the line for the good of your reign on earth. We conceal our true selves from one another, hiding behind the masks of our own power and competence. We allow divisions and discord to reign in our hearts, crowding you out altogether. Yet we know that discord is not your way. Reconciling God, call us back into relationship with you. Equip us for relationships of integrity — in our families, in our church community, and in the world you love. We pray in the name of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and acknowledging our need for your love. Amen.*

### **Words of Assurance**

### **Words of Christian Greeting**

### **Pastoral Prayer and the 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 for ever. Amen.*

### **Interlude**

*In quietness and confidence*  
The Handbell Ensemble

Kenneth Logan

### **Scripture Lesson**

John 17:1-11; 20-23

(Pew Bible p. 765)

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.*

*"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.*

*All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.*

*And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.*

*"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

**Sermon**

**"RUMORS OF GLORY"**

The Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn

**Offertory (9am)**

(see Interlude)

**Offertory (10:30am)**

*The morning trumpet*  
The Handbell Ensemble  
Ian Cochran, trumpet

arr. Lloyd Larsen

**\*Doxology (10:30am)**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Holy and gracious God, we stand before you as your people. We offer to you what we can in anticipation of your coming again to earth. You give us so much. And we give you so little. Yet, you are gracious to bless what we give. So, accept the gifts we offer today. And transform them into the work of your reign on this earth, through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 466 (10:30am)**

God of grace

*Cwm Rhondda*

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Organ Voluntary**

*Improvisation*

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**"The glory you have given me I have given**

**\_\_\_\_\_ . I in \_\_\_\_\_ and you in me; that  
\_\_\_\_\_ may be completely one with us." – Jesus**

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about PCC, please visit the Welcome Table after the service and speak with a member of the Welcoming Team. Welcomers can be identified by their special name tags.

Our Welcoming Team includes **Paul & Patti Gray**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Mary Tham & Denise Top**. The ushers are **Rick Clark, Susan Koo, and Kurt & Janet Peterson**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Julie McDonald and Mel Taylor**. They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children.

Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

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## *Announcements*

- **PCC is partnering with Project Peace for another Community Service Day!** Project Peace brings together local faith-based organizations and non-profits to serve our community. Please join together to volunteer on Saturday, **June 3, 9am-Noon**. Volunteer opportunities include leveling books at Laurel Elementary School, general maintenance and gardening at Claremont Middle School or Harbor House Oakland, and general cleaning and sorting clothes at YEAH - Berkeley (homeless shelter serving youth from 18-25 years). Additional information and sign-ups will be available in the courtyard after services or contact Selma Chin at [510-290-5732](tel:510-290-5732) or [selmachin@yahoo.com](mailto:selmachin@yahoo.com). For additional information about Project Peace Eastbay: [Home](#) | [Project Peace East Bay](#).
- **This morning children are welcome to join their families in the Sanctuary. The nursery will be open during the 10:30 service.**
- **The PCC Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service on June 4.** The meeting will take place in the Guild Hall and lunch will be provided! The congregation will vote on the proposed budget for 2017-2018, proposed By-law changes and the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of new board members and officers.
- **Sign up begin for the annual Adult Fellowship Potluck BBQ on Friday, June 9.** We'll start at 6:30 pm at the home of Guy and Alison Avagliano, 7 Muir Avenue, Piedmont. You can sign up to attend after church or by calling Jean in the

church office at 547-5700 or [jean@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:jean@piedmontchurch.org). When you sign up, please choose to bring either an hors d'oeuvre, salad, side dish or dessert. Bring your beverage of choice and \$5/person to cover the BBQ entrees. So sign up asap so we can all get together before we go our separate ways for the summer. All adults are invited to join us.

- **Please join the Food Trucks & Restaurants Shared Interest Group on Sunday, June 11 at 12 noon for brunch at the Cana Cuban Parlor et Cafe, 530 Lake Park Ave., Oakland. R.S.V.P. to Linda Rice, [ljrice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljrice@sbcglobal.net) as early as possible so reservations can be made.**

- **PCC Family Camp Registration is open! Turn in your form by June 15th.** Piedmont Community Church Family Camp will be Labor Day weekend! We will arrive at Westminster Woods on Saturday, September 2nd in time for lunch, and we will stay through breakfast on September 4th. The cost is \$180 per person (ages 6 and older), \$70 for ages 3-5, under 3 is free. This cost includes 2 nights in a tent cabin and 6 delicious meals. Registration forms are available in the church office, in the CE Building on Sundays, and on line at our church website, [piedmontchurch.org](http://piedmontchurch.org). Please reserve your spot by June 15th! Family Camp is a magical time for making new friends and reconnecting with old ones. There are many opportunities to enjoy nature and get to know other church members and friends. Westminster Woods is located in Occidental California. During your stay we will have organized activities throughout the day. You can choose to participate in them or relax on your own. For more information about Westminster Woods, go to their website: [www.westminsterwoods.org](http://www.westminsterwoods.org). If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Quantz ([leslie@piedmontchurch.org](mailto:leslie@piedmontchurch.org)).

- Many of you have heard of the excellent work of our **Refugee Task Force**. We are still in the process of getting the Yosufzai family from Afghanistan settled. WE NEED YOUR HELP. The Shepherding Committee is in need of people to provide transportation, baby sitting, accompanying to appointments, etc. If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, please contact Bob Livsey at [boblivsey@gmail.com](mailto:boblivsey@gmail.com) or at 415-407-7787.

- **Our New PiedmontChurch.org is Now Live!** PCC's Web Team has worked hard over the past several months, with the support of Staff and the Board of Trustees, to bring you a completely redesigned, simple to navigate and modern looking website. Please take a moment, surf around and enjoy the more modern design and intuitive navigation. Know that the site will continuously evolve over time with new information and resources to make it easier for you to engage with PCC online. Go to <http://www.piedmontchurch.org/>, and tell us what you think. Engaging online with PCC will be easier than ever before! A big "Thank you" to Steven Thorne, Don Ashburn, Abby Rose, Brad

Kellogg, Griffin Ashburn and Leslie Quantz for bringing this project from idea to completion.

## *Weekly Calendar*

### **Sunday, May 28**

- 9:00 am           Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Sunday School preK - 6 worship with family in sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Nursery care, Christian Education Building
- 7:00 pm           The Rock (HS Youth) will not meet

### **Monday, May 29**

**Office Closed**

- 10:00 am         Piedmont Gardens Bible Study will not meet
- 4:30 pm           Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor

### **Tuesday, May 30**

- 11:00 am         Staff meeting, Staff Workroom
- 6:30 pm           Handbell Ensemble will not meet
- 7:00 pm           Small Group Bible Study, 8 Hillcrest Ct., Oakland

### **Wednesday, May 31**

- 7:00 pm           LiveWire will not meet
- 7:30 pm           Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

### **Thursday, June 1**

- 9:45 am           Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
- 7:00 pm           Walking Together, Guild Parlor

### **Friday, June 2**

- 2:00 pm           Bill Kendrick memorial, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, June 3**

- 7:30 am           Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
- 1:00 pm           Americana rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Sunday, June 4**

- 9:00 am           Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Sunday School preK - 6 worship with family in sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am         Nursery care, Christian Education Building
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**Upcoming Events:**

May 28 - LiveWire Six Flags Trip

June 3 - Community Service Day

June 4 - Americana Sunday

June 4 - Annual Meeting and Luncheon

June 9 - Adult Fellowship BBQ

June 11 - Choir Sunday

June 11 - Shared Interest Group Food Trucks & Restaurants

June 12 - Shared Interest Group Needles & Hooks

June 19 - Shared Interest Group Needles & Hooks

# 43 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26*

Joachim Neander, 1680  
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

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*Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-  
eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-  
thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-  
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw  
tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have  
tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can  
fore Him! Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-

near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
do, If with His love He be-friend thee.  
gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him. A-men.



# 466 God of Grace and God of Glory

Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time . . . ? Esther 4:14

Harry E. Fosdick, 1930

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John Hughes, 1907

1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as-  
3. Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; Gird our lives, that

pour Thy pow'r; Crown Thine an-cient church's sto - ry, Bring her bud to  
sail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
they may be Ar-mored with all Christ-like grac - es In the fight to

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age  
faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age  
set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
That we fail not man nor Thee! That we fail not man nor Thee! A-men.

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