Order of Worship

May 7, 2017       Holy Communion 9 & 10:30 o’clock

Prelude                      Improvisation
For Your Reflection
    The devil wrestles with God, and the field of battle is the human heart.
    — Fyodor Dostoevsky

    Life is a hard fight, a struggle, a wrestling with the principle of evil, hand to hand, foot to foot. Every inch of the way is disputed. The night is given to us to take breath and to pray, to drink deep at the fountain of power. The day, to use the strength which has been given to us, to go forth to work with it till the evening.
    — Florence Nightingale

    Never, for the sake of peace and quiet, deny your own experience or convictions.
    — Dag Hammarskjold

*Church Bell
*Call to Worship
(*The congregation is invited to stand)
Liturgist: Once there was sadness.
People:    Now we are clothed with joy.
Liturgist: Once there was mourning.
People:    Now there is the possibility of rejoicing.
Liturgist: Once there were tears and silence.
People:    Now laughter has returned and the songs of praise.
Liturgist: Once there were hunger and longing.
People:    Now we are gathered in Christ’s kingdom and fed with love.
Liturgist: Let us worship the God of new life and fresh possibility.

*Hymn 35 (10:30am)           Immortal, invisible       St. Denio

Prayer of Praise and Invocation
Silent Prayer
Prayer of Preparation and Confession
    Redeeming God, you bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and tender mercy. Make us true disciples – filled with love, acting with justice, and living out the hope of resurrection, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Kyrie eleison and Words of Assurance
Words of Christian Greeting

**Anthem**  
*M. Alexander*  
(Get the text is from Psalm 23)

**Scripture Lesson**  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
(Pew Bible p. 830)

**Sermon**  
“GET READY FOR A FIGHT”  
The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

**Offertory (9am)**  
(see Anthem)

**Offertory (10:30am)**  
*Now to praise the Name of Jesus*  
Michael Bedford  
Chancel Choir  
(born 1962)

Now to praise the Name of Jesus, now to bow before his throne; in this blessed hour of sharing we are one in him alone; alleluia, blessed Savior, make us evermore your own.  

Now to come before the Table, now the Spirit from above; bread and wine in fullest measure, prayers ascending as a dove; alleluia, gracious Savior, we are sanctified in love.  

Now the voice of every Christian soars to heaven with the song: heavenly hosts and choirs of angels now make haste to join the throng: alleluia, living Savior, we will serve you all along.  

Amen.  

---Michael Bedford

**Doxology (10:30am)**

*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.*
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*The Great Thanksgiving
 (*the congregation remains standing through the Sanctus)
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Sanctus
(sung by the Choir)

The Words of Institution 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.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
(Please come forward by the center aisle to be served and return to your seats by way of the side aisles. Our communion service today is by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup; the far right cup is grape juice. Those who wish to remain seated will be served in their seats. Please indicate to an usher your interest in being served.)

The 23rd Psalm
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn 338 (10:30am) Lord, I want to be a Christian Traditional

*Commission and Benediction
Voluntary Improvisation
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 welcomers this morning includes Charly Taylor.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Larry Franz and Muriel Fore in celebration of their marriage today.

The rose on the altar is given to the glory of God in honor of the birth of Colter Hill, born to Allison and Dr. Jason Hill, grandson of Susan Hill.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning’s greeters are Tom & Ann Lister. The ushers are Selma Chin, Carol Leslie, and Kirk & Christina Miller. The communion servers are Joan Chow, Jay Foreman, Steven Thorne and Steve Wuebbens. The Board of Deacons greeters are Julie McDonald and Steve Wuebbens. 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**

- Estate Planning Workshop & Luncheon at 11:45 on Sunday, May 21, in the Clara Barton following the 10:30 service and the brick laying ceremony. Susan von Herrmann and Brett Zudekoff, partner and counsel at the personal planning group at Perkins Coie LLP, will address the topic of *What the new Republican administration means for estate planning and charitable planning; strategies for taking care of the people and institutions we love in these uncertain times.* They specialize in estate planning, charitable planning, family wealth transfer, business succession planning and estate and trust administration. Susan and Brett will bring us up to speed both on the current tax laws that affect estate planning and charitable planning and what needs to be done to make sure that plans are both up to date and optimal from a tax perspective. They will review the most popular charitable planning techniques and provide some insight on what might happen if Trump’s campaign
promises with respect to tax reform come to pass. The session will be interactive; questions and comments will be welcome!

• The next KIDZ Club meeting will be held on Friday, May 12th, in the Youth Room of the CE Building from 4 pm to 6 pm. KIDZ Club is for all 4th, 5th and 6th graders. For more information, contact Julie Hofer (julie@donahue.com or 653-3362) or Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org or 547-5700, ext. 109).

• 2016-17 Annual Report Financial Meeting in Guild Parlor - On Sunday, May 21st, from 9:45 to 10:30 AM the Finance Committee, will make PCC’s fiscal statements (through April 2016) available to interested members. This is your chance to ask questions about PCC’s finances before the annual meeting on June 4th.

• 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 or selmachin@yahoo.com. For additional information about Project Peace Eastbay: Home | Project Peace East Bay.

• 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.

• 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 or at 415-407-7787.
Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 7
9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6, Christian Education Building
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
7:00 pm The Rock (HS Youth), Youth Room

Monday, May 8
10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Board of Trustees, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, May 9
11:00 am Staff meeting, Staff Workroom
PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch
6:30 pm Handbell Ensemble, Clara Barton Room
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study, 8 Hillcrest Ct., Oakland

Wednesday, May 10
7:00 pm LiveWire, Youth Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, May 11
9:45 am Women’s Bible Study, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Walking Together, Guild Parlor

Friday, May 12
4:00 pm KIDZ Club, Youth Room

Saturday, May 13
7:30 am Men’s Bible Study, Founders’ Room

Sunday, May 14
9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6, Christian Education Building
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10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
7:00 pm The Rock (HS Youth) will not meet
Upcoming Events:
May 12 - KIDZ Club
May 12 - Shared Interest Group Food Trucks & Restaurants
May 14 - Bible Sunday
May 14 - New Members joining
May 19 - LiveWire Movie Night
May 19 - Shared Interest Group Dinner Club
May 21 - Annual Report Financial Meeting
May 21 - Estate Planning Workshop and Luncheon
May 28 - LiveWire Six Flags Trip
June 3 - Community Service Day
June 4 - Annual Meeting and Luncheon
35 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory... 1 Tim. 1:17

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Traditional Welsh hymn melody

Walter C. Smith, 1867

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
   In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
   Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
   Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
   Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
   Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
   Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small,
   In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
   We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
   And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
   Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
   All praise we would render; O help us to see
   'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee! Amen.

GOD THE FATHER
338 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby. I Pet. 2:2

Traditional Spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN Irreg.
Traditional Spiritual

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In-a my heart, in-a my
2. Lord, I want to be more loving In-a my heart, in-a my
3. Lord, I want to be more holy In-a my heart, in-a my
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus In-a my heart, in-a my

Refrain

In-a my heart, In-a my heart, In-a my heart,
PCC Endowment Committee presents

Sunday, May 21st - 11:45 am
Clara Barton Room

2017 Estate Planning Seminar & Lunch
with Susan von Herrmann and Brett Zudekoff

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Please RSVP to Jean in the church office at 510-547-5700 or jean@piedmontchurch.org.

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