



Piedmont COMMUNITY CHURCH



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Order of Worship

June 25, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

It is only inasmuch as you see someone else as he or she really is here and now, and not as they are in your memory or your desire or in your imagination or projection, that you can truly love them. — Anthony de Mello

To know ourselves loved is to have the depths of our own capacity to love opened up. — John Main

Love seeketh not itself to please, / Not for itself hath any care, / But for another gives its ease, / And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair.

— William Blake

The absolute value of love makes life worthwhile, and so makes Man's strange and difficult situation acceptable. Love cannot save life from death; but it can fulfill life's purpose. — Arnold J. Toynbee

Love is never abstract. It does not adhere to the universe of the planet or the nation or the institution or the profession, but to the singular sparrows of the street, the lilies of the field, "the least of these my brethren." Love is not, by its own desire, heroic. It is heroic only when compelled to be. It exists by its willingness to be anonymous, humble, and unrewarded. — Wendell Berry

Love talked about can be easily turned aside, but love demonstrated is irresistible. — W. Stanley Mooneyham

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: If you are tired, come and worship!

People: **If you are hungry, come and worship!**

Liturgist: If you are filled with joy, come and worship!

People: **If your spirit feels renewed, come and worship!**

Liturgist: Our God desires our worship, whether we have much or little to give.

People: **There is healing when we come before our God.**

Liturgist: All who are gathered here, come and worship!

***Hymn 553 (10:30am)**

Morning has broken

Bunessan

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. Yet, we confess that we often avoid such growth. We prefer the simplicity of childhood rather than the complex reality of adulthood. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the challenge of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than a slow death. So forgive us, God. Renew within us the desire and the commitment to be fully alive to you. Guide us to come to our senses as followers of Jesus. And help us to share the Good News we've heard with others who are starving for grace, and acceptance, and love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

Anthem

Where love and forgiveness prevail

S. T. M.

Michael Orlinsky, tenor

Where love and forgiveness prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by his love, by love are we thus bound.

In grateful joy and holy peace true gentleness we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love God in return.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be God the glory that we seek, be ours forgiveness, and peace.
—9th century Latin hymn

Scripture Lesson

John 14:12

(Pew Bible p. 764)

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:12

(Pew Bible p. 864)

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Sermon

“WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP”

Part 3 - LOVE CAN DO AMAZING THINGS

The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory (9am)

(see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am)

How can I keep from singing

Shaker melody

Michael Orlinsky

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails the new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing

I lift my eyes, the clouds grow thin, I see the blue above. And day by day this pathway clears, since first I learned to love. The peace of God makes fresh my heart, a song of hope is ringing. All things are mine, since truth I've found; how can I keep from singing. —Trad. Shaker

***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**

Gracious God, we give thanks for your many gifts to us. Help us to see your liberating hand and your healing touch in each of our lives. And teach us your generosity, that we may share the love, the mercy and the freedom we have in you, widely with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 17 (10:30am)**

Praise the Lord! ye heavens

Austrian hymn

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

FOR FURTHER READING:

Which Jesus?: Choosing Between Love & Power by Tony Campolo

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 **Gary & Dani Montague**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Paul Etame** and **Margaret Lum**. The ushers are **Katrina Bergen, Lisa Fuller,** and **Mary Margaret Sinnema & Todd Sotkiewicz**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Katrina Bergen** and **Bob Leslie**. 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.

Announcements

- **Summer Sunday school** - In July children are welcome to stay with their families in the Sanctuary. During August, the children will all be together in the Youth Room. The Nursery is open all summer.
- **PCC Stained Glass Window Project** - The Building and Grounds Group has launched a project funded by an Anonymous Grant to conserve and restore our beautiful stained glass windows, created by noted designer James Hubble. The stained glass windows on the side walls and the large Psalm window in the rear of the Sanctuary will be restored in groups of 2-3 windows at a time, each will take between 4-5 weeks, and the entire project is scheduled to be complete by early 2018.
- **Save the date - September 10** will be the date for the **All Church Picnic**. Also it will be the date when our Chancel Choir will return.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 25

- 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

Monday, June 26

- 10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
- 4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, June 27

- 11:00 am Staff meeting, Staff Workroom
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study, 8 Hillcrest Ct., Oakland

Wednesday, June 28

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

Saturday, July 1

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room

Sunday, July 2

- 9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6 in sanctuary with parents
- 10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building

553 Morning Has Broken

In the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord. Exo. 16:7

BUNESSAN 5 5 5 4 D.

Traditional Gaelic melody
Arr. by David Evans, 1927

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

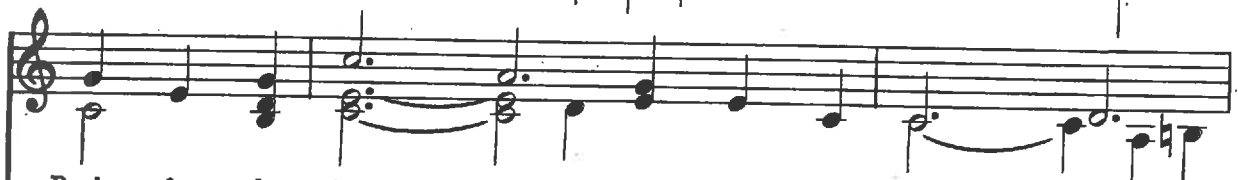
Unison



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where His feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day! A-men.



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SPECIAL TIMES AND SEASONS: MORNING

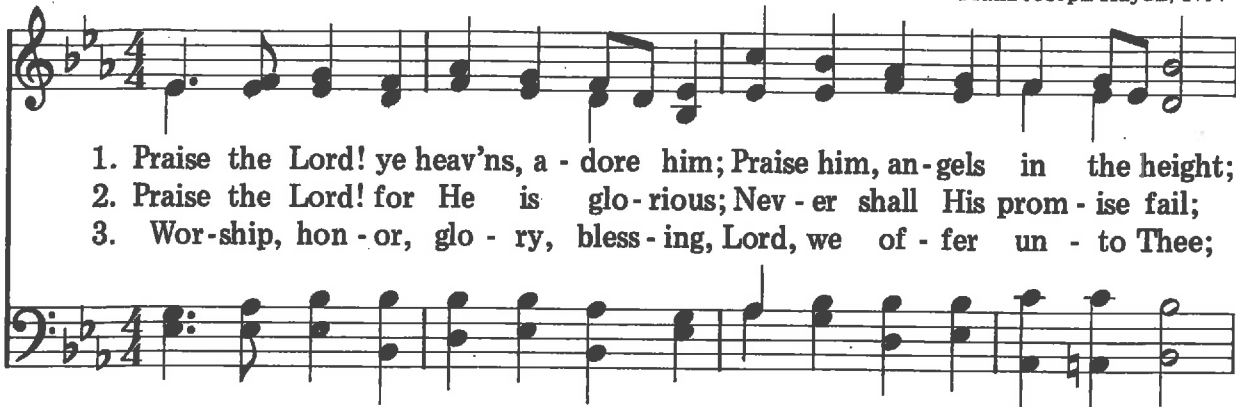
17 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Psa. 148:1

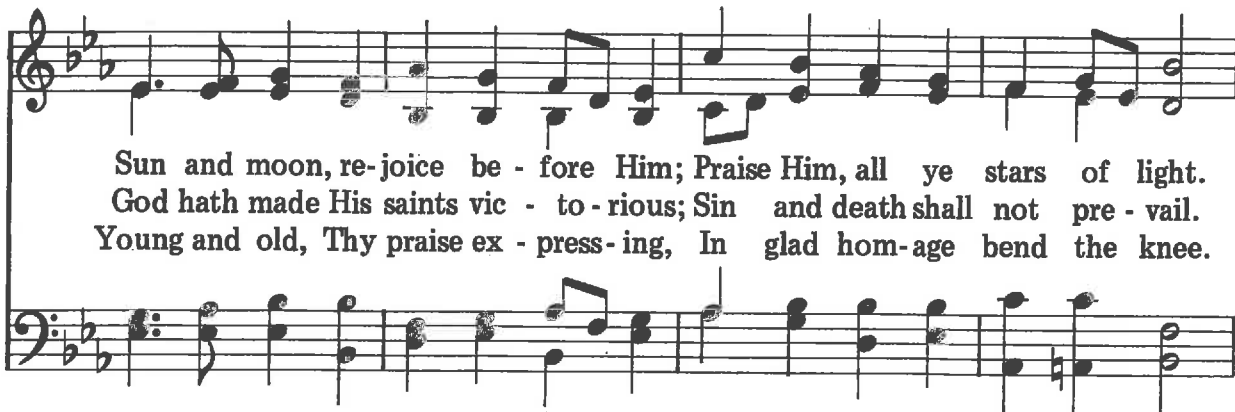
Psalm 148
Foundling Hospital Collection, 1796
St. 3, Edward Osler, 1836

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8787D.

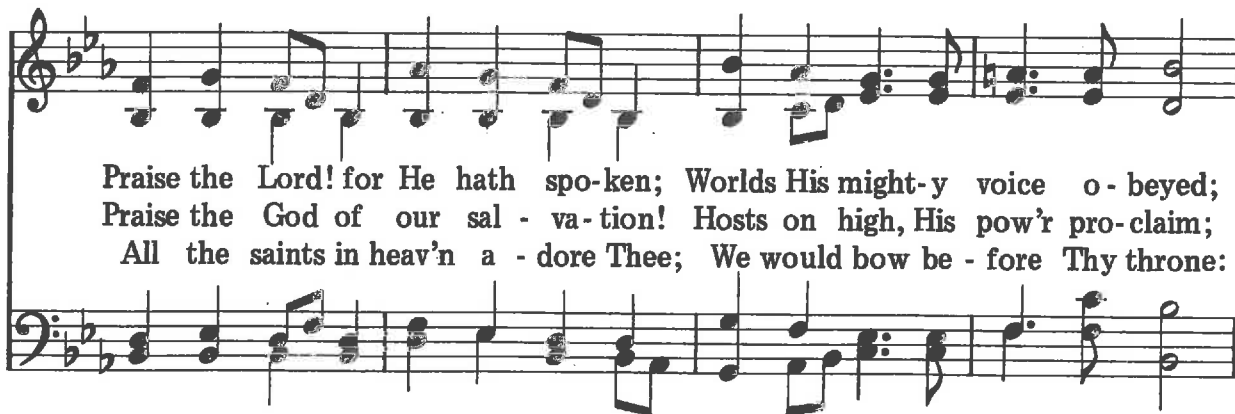
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



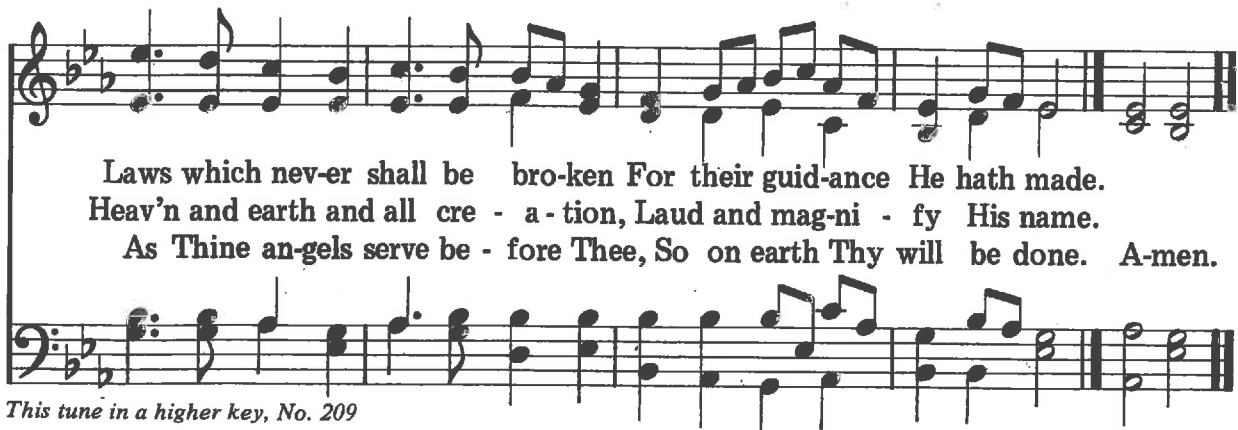
1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dore him; Praise him, an - gels in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; Nev - er shall His prom - ise fail;
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee;



Sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.
Young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad hom - age bend the knee.



Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; Worlds His might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His pow'r pro - claim;
All the saints in heav'n a - dore Thee; We would bow be - fore Thy throne:



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance He hath made.
Heav'n and earth and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
As Thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done. A - men.

This tune in a higher key, No. 209

GOD THE FATHER