



**Piedmont
COMMUNITY CHURCH**



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Order of Worship

July 16, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Kleine Intermezzo
Mark Winges, organ

Hermann Schroeder
(1904-1984)

For Your Reflection

When I get honest, I admit I am a bundle of paradoxes. I believe and I doubt, I hope and I get discouraged, I love and I hate, I feel bad about feeling good, I feel guilty about not feeling guilty. I am trusting and suspicious. I am honest and I still play games. Aristotle said I am a rational animal; I say I am an angel with an incredible capacity for beer.

To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life's story, the light side and the dark. In admitting my shadow side, I learn who I am and what God's grace means. As Thomas Merton put it, "A saint is not someone who is good but who experiences the goodness of God." — Brennan Manning

For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

***Church Bell**

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: We are called from the ends of the earth.

People: We are called from the dead centers of our lives.

Liturgist: We are called to praise God.

People: We are called to serve the Holy One.

Liturgist: God has breathed into us the breath of new life. Let us worship with joy.

***Hymn 43 (10:30am)**

Praise to the Lord

Lobe den Herren

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

God of everlasting mercy, hear our prayer today, as we bring our lives before you. We come as people who dwell on the past. We want to face your new day with life and hope in our hearts, but many times the events of our lives weigh us down. We forget to forgive one another. We refuse to bury dead issues and worn-out memories. Free us. Free us from ourselves, God, so that we might walk your new pathways alive with grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Assurance

***Hymn 326** (10:30am)

God of our life

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***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in G

J. S. Bach (attributed)
(1685-1750)

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 **Joan Chow**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God **from Kirk Miller in celebration of Christina's birthday.**

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Bill Hurd** and **Brad Olander**. The ushers are **Aaron Aubrecht**, **Suzanne Latham**, and **Jeff & Linda McClain**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Jay Foreman** and **Charlie Wood**. 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.
- **Summer Rock and Livewire Pizza Lunches** - For whoever is in town let's give this a try! We will open the youth room to hang out, have some pizza, and put something on the big screen. Join us when you can, bring friends and \$5 for pizza. Hope to see you on these Wednesdays from 12-2pm - July 19, 26 and August 2 and 9.
- **PCC's Chancel Choir seeking new auditions!** The Chancel Choir is a central part of the music program at the church, singing services and concerts with instrumental ensembles throughout the program year. The Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights, and is always interested in potential new members for this unique musical experience! If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Steve Main at 415-902-7495, or steve@stephenmain.com, to find out more and arrange a (user-friendly!) audition.
- **As you may know, PCC offers 4 Shared Interest Groups that meet periodically to pursue, well, interests that peoples share.** There are groups for: Hiking (led by Mary Heller), Theatre (Judy Wright), Dinner Club (Kristi Marcelle), Needles and Hooks (knitting and crafts, led by Sue Coffin), and Food Truck/Restaurant outings (Linda Rice). If you'd like to join in the activities of one of our groups, look for upcoming events in the Sunday bulletin, in The Messenger and on our website: www.piedmontchurch.org. You can also contact the group leaders individually via PCC-Connect (linked to the website). In the fall, we'll be starting even more shared interest groups. So, if you have an idea for a group to start, please let Rev. Don Ashburn know this summer. You can reach him at: don@piedmontchurch.org, or 547-5700, ext. 105.
- **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, July 16

- 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

Monday, July 17

- 10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study will not meet
- 4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
- 7:00 pm MAT, Staff Workroom
- 7:00 pm Needles and Hooks (Shared Interest Group), Guild Parlor

Tuesday, July 18

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study, **Murdock Room**

Wednesday, July 19

- 12:00 pm Summer Rock and Livewire Pizza Lunch, Youth Room

Thursday, July 20

- 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
- 7:00 pm Walking Together will not meet

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 23

- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17 - Needles & Hooks, 7 pm (special interest group)

July 22 - Berkeley Men's Shelter, 7 pm

August 23: Livewire Kickoff - new time: **2:30-3:30 pm**

August 27: High School Sunday School starts

August 27: Rock Kickoff

September 2-4 - PCC Family Camp in Westminster Woods

September 10 - PCC Fall Picnic

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.

326 God of Our Life, through All the Circling

Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end. Psa. 102:27

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Charles H. Purday, 1860

Hugh T. Kerr, 1916; alt., 1928

1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known We fol - low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
And faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped. A-men.

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