



**Piedmont  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**July 2, 2017**

*Holy Communion* 9 & 10:30 o'clock

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**Prelude**

*Improvisation*

**For Your Reflection**

The secret to happiness is freedom... And the secret to freedom is courage.  
— Thucydides

A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all.

— Martin Luther, 1520

If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

— George Washington

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

— Preamble to The Constitution of the United States

*(with original spelling and punctuation)*

People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.

— Soren Kierkegaard

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

— Pope John Paul II

We, the People, recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights; that our destinies are bound together; that a freedom which only asks what's in it for me, a freedom without a commitment to others, a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism, is unworthy of our founding ideals, and those who died in their defense.

— Barack Obama

**\*Church Bell**

(\*The congregation is invited to stand)

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: With joyful, humble hearts,

People: **With thanksgiving,**

Liturgist: Flowing from sea to shining sea,

**People:**     **We gather this day**  
**Liturgist:**   To give praise and glory to God  
**People:**     **To lift up our nation,**  
**Liturgist:**   To pray for people of every nation.  
**People:**     **And to work for peace all over this world.**  
**Liturgist:**   Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn** (10:30am)                      Come, Christians, join to sing!                      *Madrid*

## **Prayer of Praise and Invocation**

### **Silent Prayer**

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

*Holy God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. Yet so often we respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We respond with narrow delight, hoping the invitation is only meant for "us" and not for "them." We respond hesitantly, not trusting fully in your expansive love and amazing grace. We respond with excuses, waiting to make a commitment, or to be sure that we're ready. Merciful God, release us from the grip of fear and guilt. Enable us to respond to your invitation to pray, to give, and to serve. And help us to follow the example of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Amen.*

## **Words of Assurance**

## **Words of Christian Greeting**

### **Anthem**

*Song of the Redeemed*

John Kelley

Tina Harrington, alto

(20th century)

O Ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that thou hast done, surpassing human understanding. Thy ways are ways of righteousness and truth, O King of all the ages. Who can fail to do thee homage, Lord, and sing the praises of thy name? For thou only art the Holy One. All nations will draw near and fall down before thee, because thy just and holy works have been revealed. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*—from the Book of Common Prayer*

### **Scripture Lesson**

John 8:31-36

(Pew Bible p. 758)

*Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

## Sermon

## “YOU CAN’T BE FREE ALONE”

The Rev. Dottie Hutch

### Offertory (9am)

(see Anthem)

### Offertory (10:30am)

*Lift every voice and sing*

J. Rosamond Johnson

Tina Harrington

(20th century)

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the light; keep us for ever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; lest, our heart drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we for ever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

—James Weldon Johnson, 1921

### \*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.*

## Invitation to the Lord’s Table

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

(\*the congregation remains standing)

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.

## 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 annointest 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 520** (10:30am)     O Beautiful for spacious skies

*Materna*

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Voluntary**

*Improvisation*

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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 are **Sue Coffin** and **Margaret Lum**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Alice & Gino Roth**. The ushers are **Jeff & Linda McClain, Linda Rice, and Kate Sovocool**. The communion servers are **Ann Lin & Manuel Martinez, Maggie Spencer, and Shelagh Udovch**. The Board of Deacons greeter is **Julie McDonald**. She 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*

• **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 5, 19, 26 and August 2 and 9.

• **You're invited to join our Food Trucks & Restaurant Shared Interest Group for Oakland's famous First Friday Food Trucks and Art Walk on July 7, 2017.** Let's meet at 6 p.m. on the corner of 27th and Telegraph Ave. For more information, contact Linda Rice, [ljrice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljrice@sbcglobal.net)

• **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](mailto:steve@stephenmain.com), to find out more and arrange a (user-friendly!) audition.

• **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, 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

### **Monday, July 3**

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

### **Tuesday, July 4**

**Office closed**

- 7:00 pm        Small Group Bible Study will not meet

### **Wednesday, July 5**

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

### **Thursday, July 6**

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

### **Friday, July 7**

- 6:00 pm        Food Trucks & Restaurant Shared Interest Group

### **Saturday, July 8**

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

### **Sunday, July 9**


- 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

# Come, Christians, join to sing

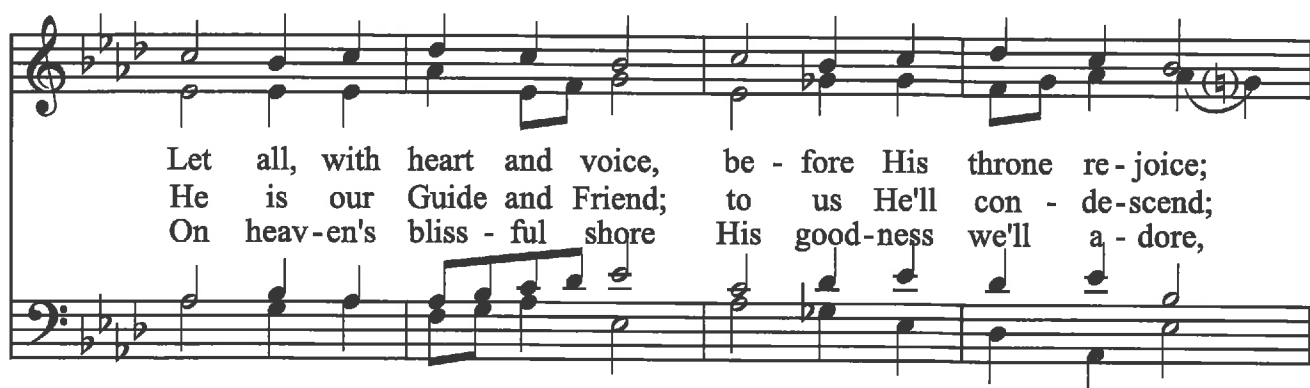
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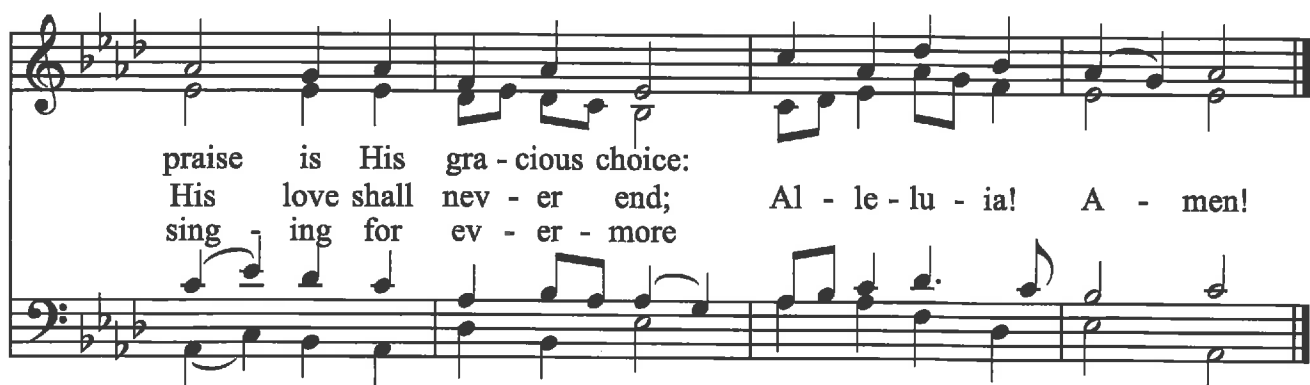
1. Come, Christ - ians, join to sing  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain,



Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain;



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is His gra - cious choice:  
His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
sing ing for ev - er - more

# O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 520

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalms 33:12*

Katharine L. Bates, 1893

MATERNA C.M.D.

Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,  
2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern im - pas - sioned stress  
3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,  
4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!  
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!  
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!  
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!  
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine!  
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea! A - men.