



**Piedmont
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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July 30, 2017

9 & 10:30 o'clock

For Your Reflection

I used to write in my daily calendar "7-7:30 a.m.: Prayer." But many times I passed that up. It was one more thing to pass by that day. Now I write "7-7:30 a.m.: God." Somehow that's a little harder to neglect. — Don Postema

To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world. — Karl Barth

A mountain climber had as his life's desire to scale the Matterhorn. When he had saved enough funds, he made the trip to the great mountain, hired the best mountain guide available and set off for the summit. The guide literally picked and pulled him to the top of the mountain. The winds were fierce but the sight was breath-taking. As the mountain climber started to rise from his knees to his full stature to enjoy the beauty of the mountaintop, the wise old guide yanked him back and screamed in his ear, "Stay upon your knees man, or the wind will blow you off the top of the mountain." — Hal Brady

You remember how you were taught to write. Your mother put a pencil in your hand, took your hand in hers, and began to move it. Since you did not know at all what she meant to do, you left your hand completely free in hers. This is like the power of God in our lives. — Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

***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 sing God's praise.

***Hymn 25 (10:30am)** Joyful, joyful, we adore thee *Hymn to joy*
We welcome Russ Taylor as our organist this morning

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and loving God, there are so many things we have done that we should have left undone. There are so many things we've said that should have been left unsaid. We are so quick to act impulsively, or speak without pausing. And so, for all of this, we repent. Slow us down, O God. Help us to be slow to speak and slow to anger. Give us patience and gentle spirits. And when we fail, give us humility to admit our wrongs and turn from them. Make us more like your son, Jesus, each day, 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

The Call

R. Vaughan Williams

Michael Orlinsky, tenor

(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breathe: such a Truth as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast: such a Feast as mends in length: such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move: such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

—George Herbert

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18:1-8

(Pew Bible p. 742)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Sermon

"WRESTLING THE GORILLA"

The Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn

Offertory (9am) (see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am) *Praise be to thee* G. F. Händel
Michael Orlinsky (1685-1759)

Praise be to thee, Lord God of Hosts! My soul shall be joyful in thee; I shall rejoice, Lord, in thee. Like a shepherd hast thou led us, Lord; thine the hand that healeth us; through thy great goodness are we restored.
—M. Harrell

***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, the generosity of your Spirit is evident all around us in the diversity and pageantry of your creation. May our giving to your mission and ministry be cheerful, open-handed and gracious, as we give thanks for our blessings and recognize the needs of our neighbors, both near and around the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn 197 (10:30am)** Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove *St. Agnes*

***Commission and Benediction**

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Matt and Julie Hofer in celebration of their birthdays today.**

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Bill Hurd** and **Linda McClain**. The ushers are **Katrina Bergen, Joan Chow, Bill Molmen** and **Jennifer Nixon**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Bob Leslie** 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 - August 2 and 9.
- **Mark your calendars for another Project Peace 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, August 19, 9am-Noon. Volunteer opportunities include general maintenance and classroom organization at Emerson Elementary School, preparing school bulletin boards at Piedmont Elementary School, general maintenance and gardening at 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. For additional information about Project Peace Eastbay: <http://www.projectpeaceeastbay.org/>
- **Last Chance to attend PCC Family Camp!** | We still have a few spots available but must have your reservation by August 4th!! If you know you are coming but haven't turned in your form, please email Leslie ASAP. 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. Please reserve your spot now! 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. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Quantz (leslie@piedmontchurch.org).

- **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 5 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 30

- 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 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

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

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5

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

Sunday, August 6

- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19 - Project Peace Community Service Day

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

25 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord . . . Psa. 145:10

HYMN TO JOY 8 7 8 7 D.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Henry Van Dyke, 1907



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.



197 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost . . . Rom. 5:5

Isaac Watts, 1707

ST. AGNES C.M.

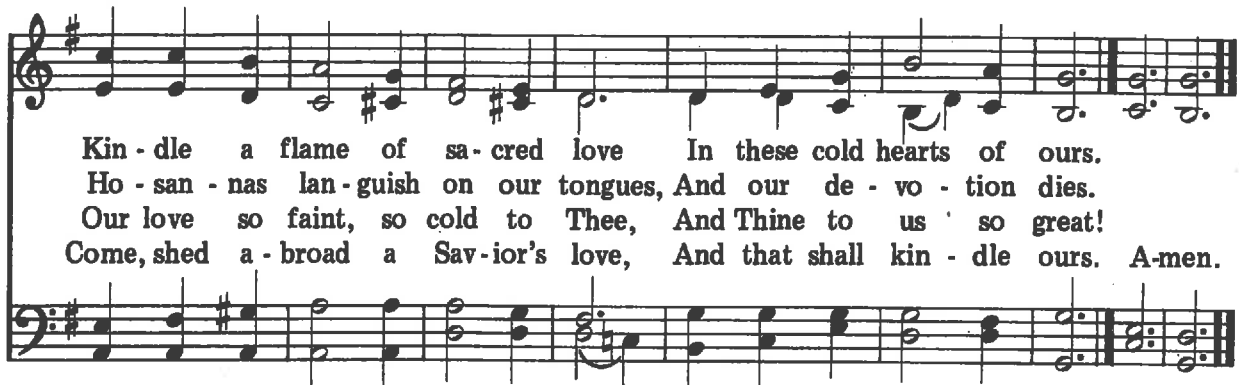
John B. Dykes, 1866



1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick-n'ing pow'rs;
2. In vain we tune our for - mal songs, In vain we strive to rise;
3. And shall we then for - ev - er live At this poor dy - ing rate?
4. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly Dove, With all Thy quick-n'ing pow'rs;

This tune in a lower key, No. 531

THE HOLY SPIRIT



Kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love In these cold hearts of ours.
Ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, And our de - vo - tion dies.
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us ' so great!
Come, shed a - broad a Sav - ior's love, And that shall kin - dle ours. A - men.