



**Piedmont
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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January 14, 2018

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

A society in which vocation and job are separated for most people gradually creates an economy that is often devoid of spirit, one that frequently fills our pocketbooks at the cost of emptying our souls.
— Sam Keen

I must listen to my life and try to understand what it is truly about – quite apart from what I would like it to be about – or my life will never represent anything real in the world, no matter how earnest my intentions.

— Parker Palmer

The kind of work God usually calls you to do is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do, and (b) that the world needs most to have done.

— Frederick Buechner

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work.

— Emile Zola

***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:

People: To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.

***Hymn 1 (10:30am)**

Holy, holy, holy

Nicaea

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and Awesome God, you breathed life into us and each day fill us with the power of your Spirit. You fill us with courage as well, yet we continue to act with caution and timidity. You call us to seek justice, yet we keep silent, or yield to the complexity of issues and do nothing. You overwhelm us with your love, yet we are hesitant to mention your name in public. You have forgiven us so much, yet we harbor old grudges and hold on to past hurts. Wondrous God, restore us to clear thinking. Give us compassionate hearts. And lead us to bold actions. Let your forgiving love cleanse us of fear and timidity. And set us on your path with your wind at our backs. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Response and 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

What boundless love

Alec Wyton

Michael Orlinsky, tenor

(1921-2007)

What boundless love, O Carpenter of Nazareth, brought you to earth to share our human toil?
Was there no task in heaven's vast infinity fit for the hands that formed us from the soil?

Could Adam's charge, to earn his bread by sweat of brow, be turned to blessing or less bitter made? Yet for our sake the Word took flesh and sanctified our daily labor by his humble trade.

Still in our midst, this Lord of shop and marketplace prays through our work of body, mind and strength, and calls us still to labor for the common good, led by his love that knows no breadth or length.

—C. P. Daw, alt.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:29-42

(Pew Bible p. 750)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Sermon "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?"
The Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn

Offertory (9am) (see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am) *Precious Lord* arr. Roy Ringwald
Chancel Choir (1910-1995)

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land; precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land; precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto thee, with my dream of a world that is free for that day when all flesh joins the glory thou has planned, precious Lord, take my hand.

—American hymn-tune

***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**

God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn (10:30am)** Come, labor on *Ora labora*

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ 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 Welcoming Team includes **Paul & Patti Gray**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Margaret Lum** and **Shelagh Udovch**. The ushers are **Sunny Bostrom-Fleming, Brad, Lynn, & Jack Olander**, and **Donnaluci Williams**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Lisa Lindsley** and **Linda McClain**. 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

• **Inspiring News** In the January edition of *The Messenger*, we met Wayne Marzolf. His inspiring story of service to our youth is a great example of the content we seek for the newly-designed monthly newsletter. If you would like to share your personal story about the way in which Piedmont Community Church has impacted your life - or if you wish to suggest a feature about a fellow congregant - contact Michael Barber at Michael@PiedmontChurch.org or call (510) 547-5700 ext. 104

• **Follow Us on Facebook** Consider following us on Facebook where stories highlighting the life of our church are told. Visit, watch and share at facebook.com/PiedmontCommunityChurch

• **Your Pledge Matters** We are a grateful church, thankful for the pledges we receive in support of our ministries. If you have not yet pledged, please use the card in the pew in front of you or visit piedmontchurch.org.

• **Imani Community Church Crab Feed** is January 27, 5 pm, Guild Hall. Cost is \$55 per person. For tickets, call the Imani church office at (510) 531-5411.

LISTEN TO YOUR LIFE

1. **ROLES:** What roles do you serve in life? (mother, son, mentor, friend, doctor, etc.)

2. **VISION:** What would the world have more of if you were living at your unhindered best? (relational intimacy, contemplative poetry, well-designed buildings, great meals, etc.)

3. **ACTIONS:** What are your strengths and passions? (mercy, organization, wisdom, etc.)

FIRST-DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT:

Combining your roles, vision and strengths, write a first-draft mission statement like the following:

*“As a (list your **roles**), I partner with God to make a world of (your **visions**) by or through (your **actions**).*

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 14

- 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 Rock will not meet

Monday, January 15

- Office closed**
- 10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
- 4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
- 7:00 pm Marvel Movie Mondays, Youth Room
- 7:00 pm MAT, Staff Workroom

Tuesday, January 16

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
- PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch
- 6:30 pm Handbells, Clara Barton Room
- 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, January 17

- 2:30 pm LiveWire, Youth Room
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
- 9:00 am All Board Retreat, Chapel

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Altar Guild, Staff Workroom
- 10:30 am Sunday School preK - 6, Christian Education Building
- 10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
- 5:30 pm Mexico Adult and Student Leaders, Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Mexico Rock, Guild Hall

Upcoming Events:

- January 27 - Berkeley Men's Shelter volunteers
- January 27 - Imani Crab Feed
- February 3 - CityTeam Volunteers
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday dinner & service

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 1

They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Rev. 4:8

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Reginald Heber, 1826

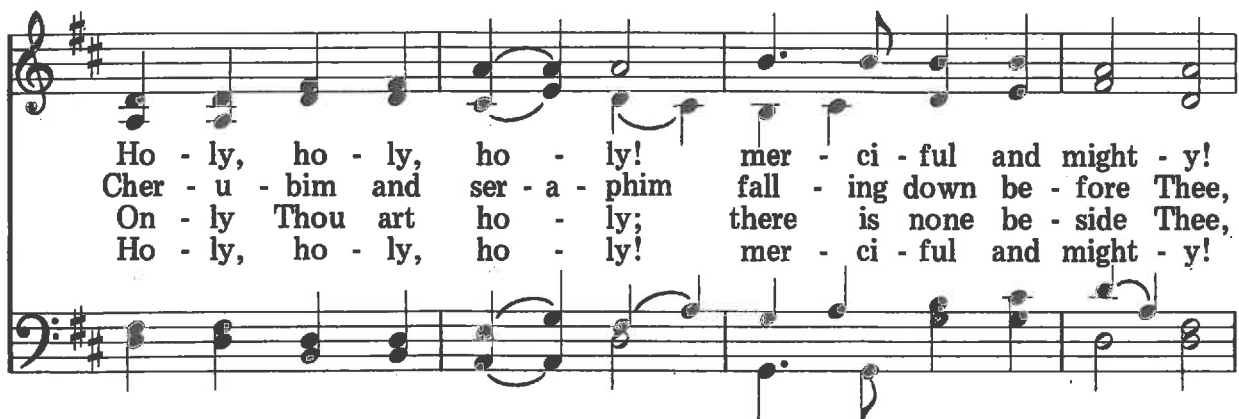
John B. Dykes, 1861



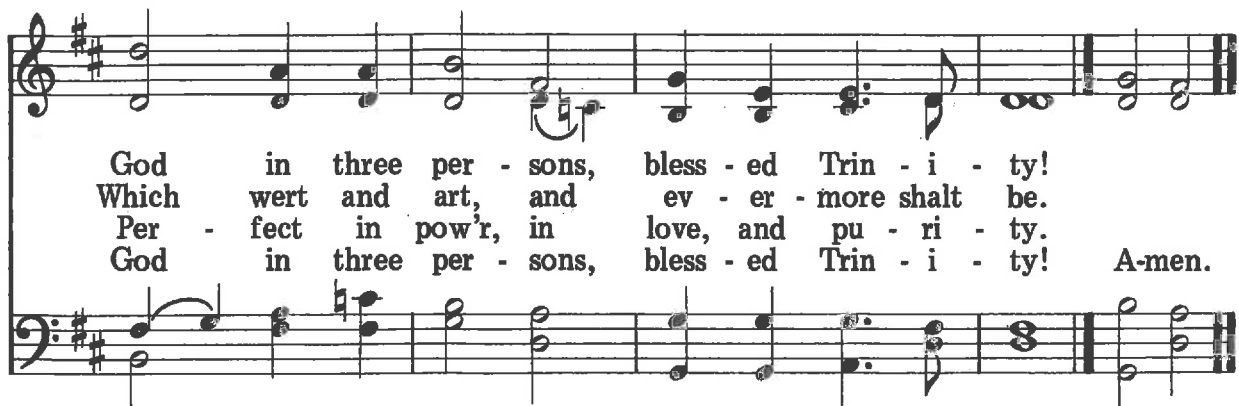
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-men.

Come, Labor On

Ora Labora



1. Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2. Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
3. Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
4. Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
an - gels can - not share; to young and old the
glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
may our God ful - fill his right - - - eous will.
hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
with the set - ting sun "Ser - - vants, well done."

Words: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.

Music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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