

Order of Worship

January 21, 2018

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

He replied, "My kindness is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am. Yes, I am glad to be weak or insulted, or mistreated or to have troubles and sufferings, if it is for Christ. Because when I am weak, I am strong.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

God lets himself be pushed out of the world on to the cross. He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which he is with us and helps us. Matthew makes it quite clear that Christ helps us, not by virtue of his omnipotence, but by virtue of his weakness and suffering.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The acknowledgement of our weakness is the first step toward repairing our loss.
— Thomas a Kempis

The martyrs shook the powers of darkness with the irresistible power of weakness.
— John Milton

All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on his being with them.— James Hudson Taylor

*Church Bell

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Christ is calling, inviting, urging and wooing: Come and follow me!

People: **Let us set aside our worry and fear, our busyness and competing agendas to respond to Christ's call.**

Liturgist: Christ offers us the opportunity to walk with him, to come to know his heart more deeply day by day.

People: **Nothing is more precious than opening our hearts to God who fills us with love.**

Liturgist: Christ grants us the privilege of working alongside him in our Father's business.

People: **There is no higher call and no greater joy than making a difference in the kingdom of God.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to follow!

All: **We worship in joy, in gratitude, in praise: Jesus Christ is Lord of all!**

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and sovereign God, your mission for us is to love one another with the love of Christ. Yet, we confess that we fall short of fulfilling this mission. We respond to one another with anger and impatience, fear and suspicion, intolerance and hatred rather than with love. Instead, your love has the power to tear down walls of division, mistrust and misunderstanding. Your love summons us to forgiveness, peacemaking and reconciliation. So forgive us when we fail to be the disciples Jesus has challenged us to be. May we so experience the power of your transforming love in our own lives that we will reach out to others to share it with them. 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

Poor wayfaring stranger
Tina Harrington, alto

Trad. American
arr. S. T. Main

I am a poor wayfaring stranger, a-traveling through this world of woe; but there's no sickness
toil nor danger, in that bright land to which I go. I'm going home to see my mother, I'm going home
no more to roam, I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me. I know my way is rough and steep. But golden fields
lie out before me, where weary eyes no more shall weep. I'm going there to see my father, he said
he'd meet me when I come, I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial, this form will rest beneath the sod; I'll drop the cross of
self-denial, and enter in my home with God. I'm going there to see my Savior! I'm going there no
more to roam. I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home. —Traditional

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 1:1-26

(Pew Bible p. 830)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Sermon “DEEP JOY FOR A SHALLOW WORLD”

Part 1 – The Hidden Gift of Imperfection

The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory (9am) (see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am) *We shall walk through the valley* arr. M.Hogan
Chancel Choir (1957-2003)

We shall walk through the valley in peace, *for Jesus himself will be out leader.*

We will meet our loved ones there, *for Jesus himself...*

There will be no trials there, *for Jesus himself....* —Trad. spiritual

***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**

We thank you, God, for the gift of being your children and citizens of a kingdom that has eternal value. We are grateful for the privilege of investing our time, resources and even our very lives in that which matters to you — preaching the gospel, pursuing justice, brokering peace and caring for the hungry, sick and the forgotten. We joyfully share what we have, and we ask that you would take these offerings, multiply them and use them for your kingdom purposes. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 504 (10:30am)** O Master, let me walk with thee

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***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

Upcoming Sermon Series:

DEEP JOY FOR A SHALLOW WORLD

January 21 - Part 1 – The Hidden Gift of Imperfection

January 28 - Part 2 – The Paralyzing Power of Panic

February 4 - Part 3 – Resident Aliens

February 11 - Part 4 – The Secret

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 **Charly Taylor**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Nora Martinez, daughter of Manuel Martinez and Ann Lin and sister of Rachel Martinez**.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Dottie Hutch and Steve Senter**. The ushers are **Anne Conneely, Dana Gordon-Colton, and Bob & Judy Wright**. 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

- **Ash Wednesday Dinner** We are now accepting reservations for a dinner, provided by Loaves and Fishes, held Wednesday, February 14 in Guild Hall, 6:15 pm. This event precedes the Ash Wednesday service, which begins at 7:30 pm. Enjoy fellowship with friends on this day, marking the beginning of Easter preparation. Adults 18 and older, \$15 before February 11. \$20 thereafter. Children 10 to 17, \$5. Macaroni and cheese meal provided free to children under 10. Sign up available following Sunday services, or contact Jean Leahy at (510) 547-5700 or jean@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

- **Gratitude from Barbara Crawford** A warm and heartfelt thank you to those from Piedmont Community Church who gave a full stomach, a big smile and many gifts for Christmas to the homeless at Berkeley Men's Shelter. You took time to shop and fill gift bags, knit scarves, prepare and serve food. But, most of all, you took the time to sit and converse with the men, making Christmas very meaningful for them. Over 42 men, women and children helped

serve on December 23. This special annual Christmas event has been provided for 12 years. However, our church continues to provide dinner on the fourth Saturday of each month from 6 - 8 pm. If your family or special group would like to prepare a meal, an appetizer, make a dessert or volunteer to help serve a meal for approximately 50 men, contact the church office at (510) 547-5700

- **Advanced Missions Opportunity for Students, Africa** We are all aware of the impact our Student Ministries Mexico Missions trips have on those who participate. We will be offering the next step in service missions this summer as we travel to Africa. The three-week trip this June will focus on serving at orphan feeding centers, a school for the blind, rural hospitals and visiting our sister church, Kafita, in Malawi. More info to come. Informational meeting will be announced for the end of January. Contact Rev. Scott Kail at Scott@PiedmontChurch.org

- **Dinner & Bocce Ball at Galileo Club** Our February Adult Fellowship adventure will take place at the Historic Richmond Galileo Club, 371 S.23rd / Galileo Club Way, on Friday, February 9, 7 pm. Enjoy a Spaghetti and Meatball Valentine Dinner, including salad, rolls, wine and dessert. Try your hand at the grand ole Italian game of Bocce Ball on their indoor courts or remain in the dining room for fellowship. Cost is \$23 per person. No-host cocktails begin at 6 pm. For questions, contact Wayne Guidici at (510) 501-0646 or fdsternwheeler@yahoo.com. Sign up available following Sunday services, or contact Jean Leahy at (510) 547-5700 or jean@piedmontchurch.org

- **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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 21

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
9:45 am Altar Guild, Saff 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 Student Leaders, Youth Room
7:00 pm Mexico Rock, Guild Hall

Monday, January 22

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 23

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 24

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

Thursday, January 25

7:00 am Finance Committee, Staff Workroom
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Walking Together, Guild Palor

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
5:00 pm Imani Community Church Crab Feed, Guild Hall

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
9:45 am Altar Guild, Saff 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
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 9 - Adult Fellowship

February 14 - Ash Wednesday dinner & service

63 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

He hath . . . a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Rev. 19:16

Edward Perronet, 1779
Adapt. by John Rippon, 1787

CORONATION C.M. Repeats
Oliver Holden, 1792

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

504 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

He appeared . . . unto two of them, as they walked . . . Mark 16:12

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON L.M.
H. Percy Smith, 1874

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The fourth system contains the final line of the lyrics and a double bar line. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support.

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, win - ning word of love;
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience! still with Thee In clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the fu - ture's broad'ning way,

Tell me Thy se - cret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
Teach me the way - ward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong;
In peace that on - ly Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

LIFE IN CHRIST