

Order of Worship

February 18, 2018

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

Improvisation

For Your Reflection

We were given the Scriptures to humble us into realizing that God is right,
and the rest of us are just guessing. — Rich Mullins

*Church Bell

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: God of rainbow and promise,

People: **God of the swirling waters of baptism,**

Liturgist: God of the dark night of doubt,

People: **God of comfort and call,**

Liturgist: Dwell with us this holy season

People: **And lead us from temptation to trust, from fear to love, from
despair to hope, from sadness to joy.**

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

*Hymn (10:30am)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Gracious God, as we come before you today, we confess our hurry, our busyness, our rushing about. We fight against stillness, against quiet, against waiting. For in this day and age, waiting is an inconvenience and stirs in us anger and frustration. Yet, what we need is to wait on you. You have asked us to be still, to listen, to quiet ourselves, to wait. And it is in those moments when we sit in waiting that we are able to hear you, to feel you, to experience your sweet presence. So slow us down, God. Help us to relish stillness, to love quiet, and to embrace waiting. Thank you for your grace as we put this into practice, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Refugee Task Force Moment

David Schmidt

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

How can I keep from singing

Shaker melody

Michael Orlinksy, tenor

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails the new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing

I lift my eyes, the clouds grow thin, I see the blue above. And day by day this pathway clears, since first I learned to love. The peace of God makes fresh my heart, a song of hope is ringing. All things are mine, since truth I've found; how can I keep from singing. —Trad. Shaker

Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 17:45-47

(Pew Bible p. 204)

But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

Sermon

"MORE BENEATH THE SURFACE"

The Rev. Scott Kail

Offertory (9am)

(see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am)

The pure in heart

Patrick Hawes

Chancel Choir

(born 1958)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

—Matthew 5:8

***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**

O Lord God, we give thanks for the beauty of this holy place, sustaining us through the years with scripture, preaching, music, and prayer. Help us to draw closer to you this day, and grant us a lively faith and courage to do the work you set before us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Hymn 504**

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

***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 **Bob & Judy Wright**.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **Mary Tham & Denise Top**. The ushers are **Paul Hansen, Ron Heckmann, Steve Senter, and Mel Taylor**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Lisa Lindsley and Lynn Nelson**. 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

LENTEN GATHERINGS

This March, join Dr. Don Ashburn for 4 weeks of prayer and conversation, based on Adam Hamilton's best-selling book, 24 Hours That Changed the World. Purchase and bring a copy of the book to the first meeting. Thursday evenings; March 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Christian Education Building Chapel. Contact Dr. Ashburn at Don@PiedmontChurch.org

TREASURES SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Accepting donations March 3 - 7. Leave your donations at the church Saturday and Sunday, 9 am - 2 pm, or Monday - Wednesday, 9 am - 7 pm. No donations accepted after Wednesday. See PiedmontChurch.org for a list of items needed.

IMANI - PIEDMONT CHOIR CONCERT

Save the date to spend time with our sister church at Imani Community Church, 3300 MacArthur Blvd. 94602, on Sunday, March 4, 4 pm. Both choirs will perform during this hour-long celebration of community.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Kidz Club is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive for the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) February 14 through April 1. Look for food donation barrels in the Christian Education Building and by Guild Hall. We are also participating in their Virtual Food Drive program. Visit accfb.org, click on "give" go to Virtual Food Drive, click on "find your group." (Piedmont Church). Contact Leslie at Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org

PROJECT PEACE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Project Peace brings together local faith-based organizations and nonprofits to serve our community. Volunteer Saturday, February 24, 9 am - 12 noon. Opportunities include Neonatal ICU hat knitting for Children's Hospital, Berkeley Women's Shelter, CityTeam Oakland, Harbor House Oakland, Piedmont Avenue Elementary School and YEAH. Contact Selma Chin at (510) 290-5732 or selmachin@yahoo.com. Visit projectpeaceeastbay.org

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PIZZA PARTY

Children's Sunday School will be having pizza after 10:30 am services Sunday, February 25 in the Christian Education Building. Contact Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org

SERVICE WITH TINY TIME COMMITMENTS

Many of our volunteer activities take minimal time and effort and are great ways to get to know folks at the church in small settings.

- Usher or greet at the 10:30 am service (simple training sessions available).
Check your calendar and sign up after church
- Help to set up for church dinners
Contact Jay Foreman – jayforeman777@yahoo.com
- Help in the kitchen with our volunteer cooking crew, Loaves and Fishes
Contact Steve Wuebbens – sawuebbens@gmail.com
- Provide a meal through our Food Angels for a member going through a difficult time. Contact Linda Rice – ljrice@sbcglobal.net
- Spend a few hours at a church work day (next one March 24).
Contact Lynn Nelson – lnelson480@gmail.com

REFUGEE TASK FORCE

Thanks to you, specific and direct impact has been accomplished in the lives of three refugee families. The Bhatti, Shahzad and Yosufzai families - which includes 6 adults and 10 children - are all successfully building safe, prosperous lives in the East Bay. Take a moment to reflect on that. There is nothing wishy-washy or tentative or approximate. You are invited to the next Refugee Task Force Meeting on Thursday February 22 from 7 - 8 pm at 781 Highland Avenue in Piedmont. Street parking is available directly in front of the house and on the side streets.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 18

- 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

Monday, February 19

- Office closed**
10:00 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study will not meet
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Needles & Hooks Shared Interet Group, Barton Room

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 2:30 pm LiveWire will not meet
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, February 22

- 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Refugee Task Force, 781 Highland Ave., Piedmont
7:00 pm Walking Together will not meet

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
2:00 pm Carl Moore memorial, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 25

- 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
11:30 am Family Pizza Party, Christian Education Building

Upcoming Events:

- February 24 - Project Peace Community Service Day
February 24 - Memorial for Carl Moore, 2pm
February 24 - Berkeley Men's Shelter Volunteers
February 25 - Family Fellowship Pizza
March 1, 8, 15, 22 - Lenten Gatherings
March 4 - Imani - Piedmont Choir Concert, 4pm

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace:
2. Hith - er - to thy love has blest me; thou hast brought me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I know thy hand will bring me safe - ly home by thy good grace.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise His name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

504 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

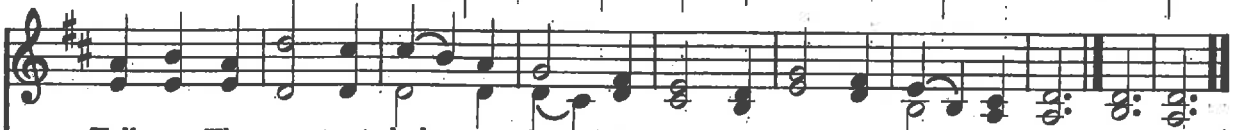
He appeared . . . unto two of them, as they walked . . . Mark 16:12

Washington Gladden, 1879

MARYTON L.M.
H. Percy Smith, 1874



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



YOUTH MEXICO SERVICE TRIP
TREASURES SALE
DONATIONS NEEDED!

March 3 - 7

DONATION INFO:

WHAT: *Must be Clean, Gently Used, & Working*

Antiques, Artwork, Belts, Bikes, Books, China, Crystal, CDs, Collectibles, Dishes, DVDs, Furniture, Games, Garden Supplies, Hats, Holiday Items, Housewares, Jewelry, Lamps, Linens, LPs, Luggage, Musical Instruments, New Items, Pet Supplies, Purses, Puzzles, Rugs, Scarves, Silver, Small Appliances, Sports Equipment, Stereo Equipment, Throw Pillows, Tools, Toys, Flat Screen TVs only

WHAT NOT: Clothing, Computers & Equipment, Ski Equipment, Mattresses, Bed Pillows, Large Appliances, Extra Large Furniture, Harlequin Novels/Condensed Books, Magazines, VHS Tapes, Car Seats, Cribs, Large Exercise Equipment

WHERE: Piedmont Community Church Guild Hall, 400 Highland Ave.

WHEN to DONATE: March 3-7 Sat. & Sun. 9-2, Mon-Wed. 9-7
NO DONATIONS AFTER WEDNESDAY!!

HOW: Limited Pick Ups by Appointment ONLY. Call 547-5700 and leave a message for Scott Kail's interns.

Treasures Sale March 10, 9-3 and March 11, 9-2



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
HUGE, ANNUAL
TREASURES SALE

BENEFITS YOUTH HOUSE BUILDING TRIP TO MEXICO

OVER 300 FAMILIES, THOUSANDS OF ITEMS

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 9AM-3PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 11 9AM-2PM

MULTIPLE ROOMS
400 HIGHLAND AVE
PIEDMONT

**VINTAGE, FURNITURE, BOOKS, LINENS,
HOUSEWARES, TOYS, JEWELRY, CHINA, SILVER,
CRAFTS, HOLIDAY, SPORTS, PURSES, BIKES, ART,
GARDEN & MUCH MORE!**

NO STROLLERS OR PETS. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS