

Order of Worship

September 25, 2022

10:00 o'clock

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Steve Schibsted and Pat Leicher, Church President

Prelude Dr. Stephen Main

***Church Bell** (*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship** Rev. Scott Kail

Liturgist: The word of God comes into our lives in so many ways.

People: God's word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.

Liturgist: God's word calls us now, here in our worship.

People: God's calling word invites us to service and ministry, to praise and thanksgiving.

Liturgist: Let us worship the living God and offer our praises to the eternal One.

Hymn 13 Sing praise to God *Mit freuden zart*

Prayer of Confession

Creating God, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We let the gray skies move inside our souls and block out the rays of your grace. We let rain dampen our spirits and spoil your parade of blessings. We give in to external circumstances and blot out the inner radiance of your love that forever seeks to warm and cheer us. Creating God, open our eyes to see your beauty in all things. Open our hearts to feel your affirmation and acceptance. Open our ears to hear your words of forgiveness and to hear you calling our names. Deepen our trust in your will and way and let us always feel the sunshine of your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Volunteer Recognition

Dr. Don Ashburn

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.

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

(Pew Bible p. 813)

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Sermon**"YOU ARE GIFTED!"**

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Offertory*Birdsong*

Paul Read

Christa Pfeiffer, Becca Burrington
and Tina Harrington

(born 1948)

He doesn't know the world at all, who stays in his nest and doesn't go out. He doesn't know what birds know best, nor what I sing about: that the world is full of loveliness.

When dewdrops sparkle in the grass and earth is aflood with morning light; a blackbird sings upon a bush to greet the dawning after night, then I know how fine it is to live.

Hey, try to open your heart to beauty; go to the woods someday and weave a wreath of memory there. Then if tears obscure your way, you'll know how wonderful it is to be alive.

-Text written by an unknown child in the Terezin concentration camp, Czechoslovakia

***Doxology**

(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 are grateful, gracious God, for the gift of belonging to you. We see the hurts, the poverty, the injustice and the violence that mars your world. And, we know that your heart is broken. We thank you for the high calling we have to care, to respond and to give what we can to ease the suffering of people you love so much. We pray that these offerings will be useful to fulfill the mission of your church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 385**

Take my life, and let it be

Hendon

Commission and Benediction*Voluntary**

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 Piedmont Community Church, please visit our website at PiedmontChurch.org.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's ushers are **Bob & Carol Leslie** and **Manuel Martinez & Ann Lin**. The Board of Deacons greeters are **Will Adams** and **Jack Lewis**. They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

Please join us after the service for coffee.

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.

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 13

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice . . . Psa. 97:1

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Johann J. Schütz, 1675
Trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, Berlin, 1566

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made His gra - cious mer - cy
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But, through all grief dis -
4. Thus, all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our sal -
keep - eth; By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His watch - ful eye ne'er
tress - ing, An ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and
prais - es, That men may hear the grate - ful song My voice un - wea - ried

va - tion; With heal - ing balm my soul He fills, And
sleep - eth; With - in the king - dom of His might, Lo!
bless - ing; As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, He
rais - es, Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
leads His own, His cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
soul and bod - y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

385 Take My Life and Let It Be

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body . . . I Cor. 6:20

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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Henri A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
3. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sa - ges for Thee; Take my sil - ver
4. Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im - pulse of Thy love.
let me sing Al-ways, on - ly, for my King, Al-ways, on - ly, for my King.
and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

LIFE IN CHRIST: OBEDIENCE AND CONSECRATION