SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sermon series, The Prayer Jesus Taught Us, Steve Schibsted, preaching. Next week is Palm Sunday.

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH/ Yorships



WELCOME

No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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Come, thou almighty King

Italian hymn



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Deep calls to deep.

People: Beneath the stormy rapids of my days, there is God.
Liturgist: Beneath the waves of demands and expectations, there is God.

People: Beneath the surface of distractions and errands, there is God.

Liturgist: A consistent wellspring, **People:** A nourishing river,

God is always there.

People: And God is here, hidden in our depths, full of promise.

Liturgist: Let us worship our ever-present God!

***Hymn** Come, thou almighty King Italian hymn

Prayer of Confession

Lonnie Simonson

Merciful God, your love for us is sometimes so hard to accept, for we know how often we disappoint you. We have wandered so far away from our true home. We have spent our money on that which does not satisfy. We have given in to despair and let a river of tears fall from our eyes. We have been too proud to ask for help, and too slow to help others. Loving God, always waiting, yearning and seeking our return, speak to our hearts and quicken our steps back to you. For, you always remember us and welcome us home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Prayers of the People

Dr. Don Ashburn

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

Rosa mundi Christa Pfeiffer, soprano Christine Meals and Stephen Main, violins

Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)

The Rose of the world hangs high on a thorny Tree. Whoso would gather must harrow his hands and feet. But oh! it is sweet.

The leaves that drop like blood from the thorny Tree redden the roads of the earth from East to West. They lie on my breast.

O Rose, O Rose of the World, bow down to me, who can cleave no more, so pierced are my hands and feet. For oh! Thou art sweet.

-Rachel Annand Taylor (1876-1960)

Scripture Text

Matthew 6:9-14

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

Sermon

"THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US?" And Lead Us, Not Into Temptation Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted

Offertory

Give us your vision
Kate Benson, clarinet
Chancel Choir

Kyle Pederson (1901-1986)

Give us your vision, Lord, this is our prayer. Oh help us to see when the way is not clear. Gift us with wisdom and lead us we pray; let grace be our calling, our strength for today.

Send us in power so we may be all you intended, your hands and your feet. A gift freely given, the hope for rebirth; the kingdom of heaven, at work on the earth.

All of creation with one voice declare, "Hope, love and mercy dispels our despair. As we bear your image to all humankind, waking and sleeping, your presence our light."

-Handt Hanson and Kyle Pederson

*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

Gracious God, as we follow Christ in this season of Lent – on the path of obedience – we are constantly reminded of your desire for us to follow and be faithful. So, take these gifts we offer now in faith and in thanksgiving. And, use them to bring peace, and mercy, and new life to this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

Once to every man and nation

Ton-y-botel

*Commission and Benediction

Dr. Schibsted

Organ Voluntary

Improvisation

Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship in the Courtyard

UPCOMING

Bob Wright Memorial Service March 23



The Memorial and Celebration of Bob Wright's Life will be held from 11 am to 3pm Saturday, March 23 in the Sanctuary with reception following in Guild Hall.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to the Bob Wright Memorial fund. Make check payable to PCC with 'Bob Wright' in memo. Donations accepted online using QR Code. Funds will be used to help create a Prayer Garden at the church. Bob's cremains will be interred on Friday, March 22 at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California at 1:30pm. All are welcome.



Maundy Thursday – March 28, 6:15pm

Worship takes place on March 28 at 6:15pm during a family-friendly dinner called an 'Agape Meal,' from one of the Greek words for "love" – agape. It commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, when he called on them to "love one another" and instituted the sacrament of Communion. The meal will conclude with Communion. Cost for dinner is \$15 for adults (\$20 at the door), free for children under 18. Sign up in the Courtyard after worship through March 24.

Good Friday – March 29, 7:30pm

Worship will include the service of Tenebrae, with scripture readings recounting the last hours of Jesus' life. As the story unfolds, candles and sanctuary lights are extinguished until all is dark.

Easter Sunday - March 31, 8:30am and 10am

Both services are identical – a celebration of the resurrection – Steve Schibsted, preaching

EASTER LILIES - PLACE FORM & CHECK IN OFFERING PLATE OR SCAN

Help beautify our worship space for Easter by donating one or more lily plants in memory

or honor of someone special. You may take your plant home with you after the final servi on Easter Day. Cost is \$17 per plant. Make check payable to 'PCC'; note memo, 'LILIES'	
Given in Memory / Honor of (circle one):	
Donor name:	
I would like to take my lily(ies) home following the final Easter service.	į

Once to every man and nation

Ton-y-botel



- 1. Once to____ ev ery man and__ na tion comes the__ mo-ment to___ de-cide,
- 2. Then to___side with truth is___ no ble, when we___share her wretch-ed crust,
- 3. Though the cause of e vil pros-per, yet the truth a lone is strong;



in the_strife of truth with_ false-hood, for the_ good or e - vil side; ere her cause bring fame and_ prof - it, and 'tis_ pros-p'rous to_ be just; though her_por - tion be the_ scaf - fold, and u - pon_the throne be wrong,



some great cause, some great de - ci - sion, of - f'ring each the bloom or___blight, then it____ is the brave man choos - es while the___cow - ard stands a - side, yet that__scaf - fold sways the___ fu - ture, and, be - hind the dim un - known,



and the choice goes by for - ev - er 'twixt that__ dark-ness and that light.

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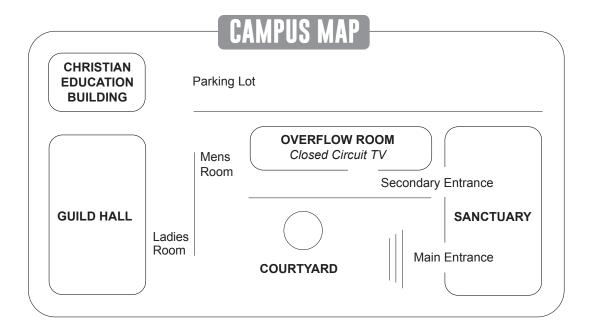
WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. Please silence your cell phones and wearable devices.

Our greeters and Deacons 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.

The flowers on the Chancel today are in memory of Helen Robison-Fitzgerald on her birthday from her family.



VISITORS

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

Worship in the Sanctuary takes place at 10am with organ, hymns, prayer and preaching. This service lasts about one hour.

Our NextGen program for children and youth is provided at the same hour. We have devices for those who are hard of hearing. Please see an usher.

Communion is open to anyone who is called to receive the body and blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, or about anything else at Piedmont Church, please contact one of the pastors.

Baptisms for infants, youth and adults usually take place during worship. A meeting between the parents and the minister is required. Contact the church office at (510) 547-5700



SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER BASKETS

Fill a basket for a child. Assembly event today from 11:15am - 12:30pm in Guild Hall.



NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining Piedmont Church? Or do you just want to learn more about who we are, what we believe and what we do? You're invited to attend our next Come and See gathering hosted by Steve Schibsted and Don Ashburn. Two dates and times to choose from (you need only attend one) Saturday, April 20 from 9-11am, or Sunday, April 21 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Guild Parlor.Childcare is available. Sign up in the Courtyard after worship.



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WE HAVE ACHIEVED 74% OF OUR GOAL

We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Piedmont Community Church for the coming year and visit PiedmontChurch.org/give or call Toni at (510) 547-5700



EGG HUNT

Find hundreds of glow-inthe-dark eggs filled with candy and prizes Saturday, March 23, 7-8:30pm. Dessert & light refreshments served in the Courtyard, then campus-wide egg hunt at 7:40pm. Free! Leslie@PiedmontChurch.org



PICKLEBALL SUNDAYS

We play on Sundays from 1-3pm in the indoor gym, second floor of the Christian Education Building. All are welcome. Equipment is provided and no experience is required.

Contact Lucille Yee at lucilleyee@gmail.com

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