

 **PIEDMONT COMMUNITY**

CHURCH

Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

Steve Schibsted continues sermon series on Psalm 23.



WELCOME

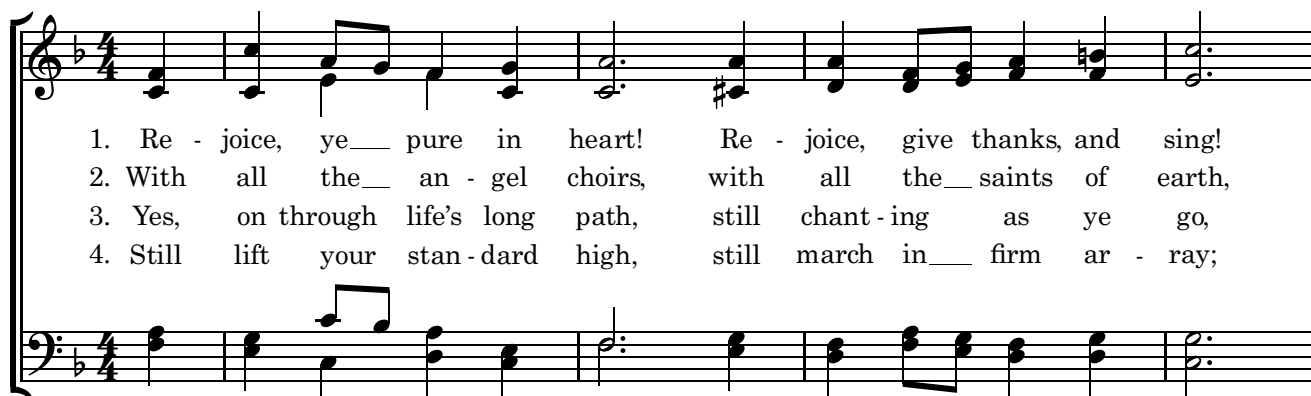
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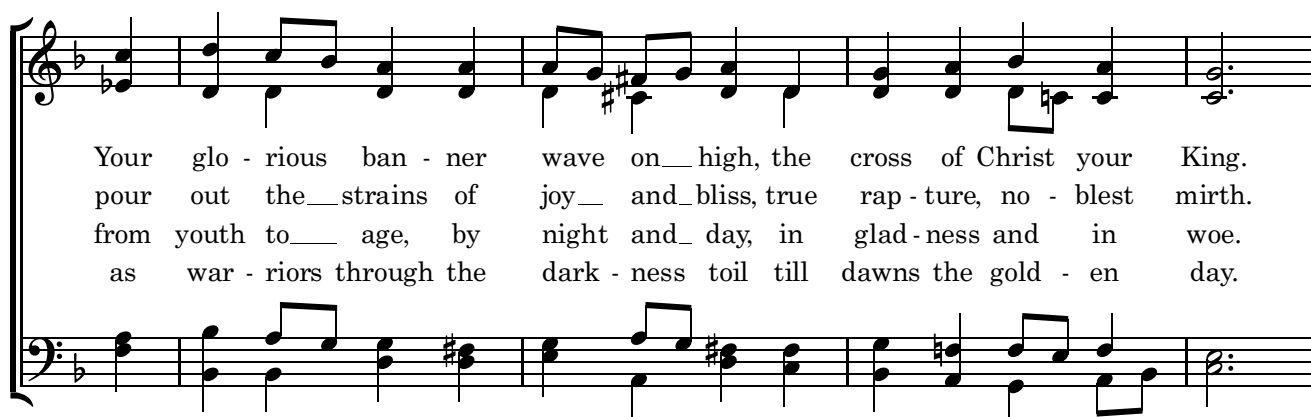
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Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion



1. Re - joice, ye__ pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2. With all the__ an - gel choirs, with all the__ saints of earth,
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4. Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in__ firm ar - ray;



Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on__ high, the cross of Christ your King.
pour out the__ strains of joy__ and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
from youth to__ age, by night and_ day, in glad - ness and in woe.
as war - riors through the dark - ness toil till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
Re - joice, re - joice,

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Steve Schibsted

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Something deep inside us calls us,

People: Beckons us.

Liturgist: We are looking for truth

People: That anchors us in the midst of competing voices.

Liturgist: We are searching for life

People: That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

Liturgist: We are finding our way

People: To Christ, to community, to love.

Liturgist: And we are bold to sing

People: A resurrection song.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

***Hymn**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Hanover

Prayer of Confession

Suzanne Latham

O God of transformation, where we have been fearful and doubting, bring new life. Where we have been hardhearted and unforgiving, bring new life. Where we have sown discord and wounded others, bring new life. Where we have been selfish and greedy, bring new life. Where we have been tired and confused, bring new life. In the name of our resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Ashburn

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

Balm in Gilead
Michael Orlinsky, tenor
Stephen Main, piano

arr. Raymond Wise
 (20th century)

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole;
 there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole...

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole...* —Traditional spiritual

Scripture Text

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
 Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Sermon

"PSALM 23"
 Rev. Dr. Steve Schibsted

Offertory

Upon your heart
Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley
 (born 1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete. —Song of songs, 8:6-7, John 15: 9-12

***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

Suzanne Latham

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you. Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so we give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn** (*See next page*)

O Master, let me walk with thee

Maryton

***Commission and Benediction**

Dr. Schibsted

Voluntary

Improvisation

Fellowship and light refreshments available in the church Courtyard.

Evelyn Edens Memorial

A memorial service for Evelyn Edens, mother of Alison Fletcher and grandmother of Darren Fletcher, is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 at 2pm.

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O Master, let me walk with thee



Maryton




1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win - ning
3. Teach me thy pa - tience! still with thee in clos - er, dear - er
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the fu - ture's



ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret; help___ me
word___ of love; teach me the way - ward feet___ to
com - pan - y, in work that keeps faith sweet___ and
broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly thou___ canst



bear the strain of toil, the fret___ of care.
stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - - ver wrong;
give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let___ me live.



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.

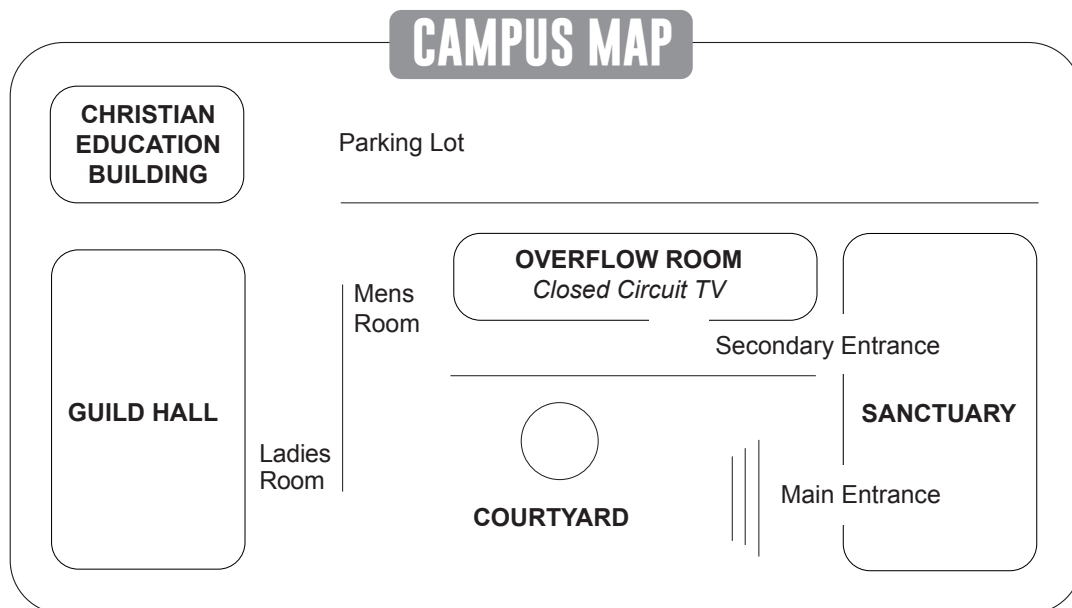
The Clara Barton Room (outside Sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

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





PIEDMONT COMMUNITY

CHURCH *Life*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUMMER CAMP IN JUNE

Get ready for an incredible week of adventure at Piedmont Community Church's Kids Summer Camp with Scuba! It's a week of non-stop fun designed just for kids.

Fantastic worship and biblical truth presented in a very unique way, for kids ages 4 through 5th grade. This will be an awesome week for kids to build relationships with friends and leaders, and go deeper into their relationship with Christ. June 3-7 from 8:30am to noon and aftercare will be available for an additional fee from 12-3pm. We'll end the week with a fabulous Luau, water slide and other tropical fun.

Cost is \$189/per child. Aftercare from 12-3pm is available at an additional cost of \$75. Kids staying for aftercare should bring their own lunch. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact Kerry at Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org



PIEDMONT CHURCH
WORK DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4
9AM - 12PM**

Join the fun of our Spring Work Day May 4 from 9am to 12noon. Lunch will be provided. We'll start in Guild Hall at 9am for coffee and donuts, then work on gardening, painting, cleaning windows, dusting and generally sprucing up our beautiful facility. Contact Jay Foreman Jay@PiedmontChurch.org

CHURCH CENTER APP TRAINING TODAY

Are you having trouble logging in or accessing the new Piedmont Church online directory? You are invited to a 1-hour training session with Operations Coordinator Mariana Navarrete today in the Sanctuary after worship.

This hands-on session will guide you through the app's basics with video demos and practical exercises.

For a smoother experience, please bring your email address and password.



AMERICANA SUNDAY MAY 12

Start doing your toe-tapping exercises. Americana music is taking over worship Sunday, May 12, 10am - featuring our expert choir soloists backed up by a crackerjack string band. If you like the sounds of Alison Krauss, Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Ricky Skaggs and Johnny Cash, you are in for a treat.

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