

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive those who trespass against you, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses. If then you do not forgive your brother who is trespassing against you, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Do not despise the day of wrath, because you will wear out like chaff in the wind. Truly I tell you, Father feeds the fowls of the air, and you do not despise them, for you are worth more than they. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, What will we eat? or What will we drink? or What will we wear? For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, Let me take the speck,

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

February 24, 2019

Living the Good Life

Practical Guidance from Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount

love does

love protects, love hopes, love never fails

We Gather

Prelude	Partita on "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Stewart Sarch, organ	Don Freudenburg (1939–2007)
Welcome		Jaime Polson & Lauren Gully (9 a.m.) Jaime Polson & Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)
Call to Worship		Lauren Gully (9 a.m.) Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)

We Praise

Songs of Praise	10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Though I May Speak	by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin by John Weaver and Hal Hopson
Reading	1 Corinthians 13:1–8a	Lauren Gully (9 a.m.) Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)
Preparation for Prayer	We Are One in the Spirit (Hymnal #300)	tune: They'll Know We Are Christians
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness	Beautiful Things	by Lisa and Michael Gungor Lauren Gully (9 a.m.) Gerald Chinen (11 a.m.)
Response Peace	Great Are You Lord	by J. Ingram, L. Jordan & D. Leonard Brett Strader

We Hear the Word

Sermon	Let God Be God (Matthew 7:1–11, p. 788)	Jaime Polson
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		Chris Baldwin

We Respond

We Are Called By Name		
Offering	Grand Chœur in F, Op. 68, No. 5 Stewart Sarch	Théodore César Salomé (1834–1896)
Love Does Commissioning (9 a.m.)		Lauren Gully
Closing Song	Build Your Kingdom Here	by Rend Collective
Benediction		Jaime Polson
Postlude	Recessional Stewart Sarch	William Mathias (1934–1992)

Everyone is invited to the Worship Plaza for coffee and fellowship.

Worship Flowers

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Suze McConnell
in honor of her Grandmother, Anna, and her legendary rose garden in NYC.

Floral Design Team

Jane Ebe, Team Leader; Sherril Barber, Lassie Colebourn, Linda Giddings, Jayne Hegenbart,
Suze McConnell, Penny Perry, Dorothy Pritchett, Laurie Reich, Lynne Terril

Hospitality Team

9 a.m. Alan Saxton, Team Leader; Kim Carpenter, Virginia Cowden, Barbara Duff, Bill Mueser
Ruwani Jayasingha, Greeter
11 a.m. Jeff West, Team Leader; Bill Brown, Tom Scovel, Sue West
SarahJoy Haynes, Greeter

Welcome Team

A special thank you today to Hobie Cats, a Voyager group, for serving the coffee on the plaza.

Worship & Music Team

Peter Whitelock, Pastor/Head of Staff
Gerald Chinen, Pastor, Care; Lauren Gully, Pastor, Mission & Formation; Jaime Polson, Pastor, Families
Brett Strader, Director of Worship and Music
Stewart Scharch, Organist; Michael Morales, Worship and Music Assistant
Chris Baldwin, Director of Community Engagement
Emma Leibowitz, Judy Clark, vocals
Michael Henning, drums; Steve Danska, guitar; Terry Miller, bass
Devin Crane, Sound Technician; Brendan Kelley, Video Technician
Hiroko Shibuya, Worship and Music Coordinator
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Sunday Morning Worship Services

We worship together at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Call to Worship:

God alone is our refuge and hope,
our shelter and protection.
From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fails.
So come, lift your voices in praise to God.
Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.
Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.
Let's worship God together.

Songs of Praise: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Words and Music: Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

refrain: **Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul**
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before, oh, my soul
 I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes *refrain*
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *refrain*
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more *refrain 2x*

Though I May Speak

Text & Music: John Weaver and Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain
Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess
But not be giv'n by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

(Song continues to the next page.)

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1–8a

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

We Are One in the Spirit (Hymnal #300)

Text and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966; *Text and Music* © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

refrain: **And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *refrain*

We will work with each other; we will work side by side

We will work with each other; we will work side by side

And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *refrain*

Preparation for Prayer: Beautiful Things

Words & Music: Lisa Gungor and Michael Gungor

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change at all

All this earth

Could all that is lost ever be found?

Could a garden come up from this ground at all?

You make me new

You are making me new

All around

Hope is springing up from

This old ground

Out of chaos, life is being found in You

Response: Great Are You Lord

Words and Music: Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

Verse: **You give life. You are love**

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope. You restore

Ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You, Lord

Chorus: **It's Your breath in our lungs**

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only *Verse, Chorus 2x*

Bridge: **And all the earth will shout Your praise**

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

"Great are You, Lord!" *Bridge, Chorus 2x*

Sermon: Let God Be God

The Scripture (Matthew 7:1–11) and other quotes

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" — Matthew 7:1–11

Martin Luther saw prayer as crucial to human life, a life created by the relationship to God. In this prayer relationship God starts a conversation, communicating God's words of law and promise.

Luther thought that God's promise to hear prayer defines both the nature of God and the nature of the human relationship to God.

Luther's comments and instructions on prayer permeated his work. Luther sought to build a prayer practice that reflected the key insights of his theology: just as God redeems the unworthy human, so God promises to hear and respond to the one praying, despite his or her unworthiness. Humans respond to God's actions when they pray regularly, forthrightly, honestly, and frequently. — Mary Jane Haemig

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." —Romans 12:12 (NIV)

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, forever. Amen.**

Closing Song: Build Your Kingdom Here

Text & Music: Rend Collective

**Come, set Your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us, we pray, unveil why we're made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church, we need Your power in us
We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church, we pray: revive this earth
 Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire, win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here, we pray.
Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop, Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church, we are the hope on earth**