

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



July 21, 2019

**We Gather**

**Prelude** Softly and Tenderly Will L. Thompson (1847–1909)  
Krista Strader, harp arr. Daniel Burton (b. 1944)

**Welcome** Peter Whitelock & Jaime Polson

**Call to Worship** Jaime Polson

**We Praise**

**A Medley of Hymns** We Praise You, O God (Hymnal #612) tune: Kremser  
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymnal #610, verses 1, 2, 3, 5) tune: Azmon  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymnal #366, verses 1, 3, 4) tune: Hyfyrdol

**Reading** Psalm 71:1–6 Emma Leibowitz & Michael Morales

**Preparation for Prayer** You Are My Hiding Place Michael Ledner (b. 1952)

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness** Jaime Polson

**Response** Reckless Love by C. Culver, C. Asbury & R. Jackson

**Peace** Brett Strader

**We Hear the Word**

**Sermon** *A Beautiful Mind* Peter Whitelock  
1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (p. 934)  
The Gift of Love arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)  
Emma Leibowitz & Michael Morales

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** Gerald Chinen

**We Respond**

**Life of the Church** Gerald Chinen

**Offering** Pastorale George Friedric Handel (1685–1759)  
Krista Strader, harp; Stewart Scharch, organ arr. Daniel Burton

**Closing Hymn** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Hymnal #546) tune: Sicilian Mariners

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** Gerald Chinen

**Charge & Benediction** Peter Whitelock

**Postlude** March in A Major, Op. 41, No.5 Félix-Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)  
Stewart Scharch

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

### **Worship Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Dara Youngdale and Lynne Terril and their families in loving memory of their dear parents, Bill and Alberta Youngdale.

### **Floral Design Team**

Jane Ebe, Team Leader; Sherril Barber, Lassie Colebourn, Margaret Ann Fowler, Linda Giddings, Jayne Hegenbart, Suze McConnell, Penny Meyerhoff, Dorothy Pritchett, Laurie Reich, Jeanne Ryan, Lynne Terril

### **Hospitality Team**

9 a.m. Bob Heaney, Team Leader; Todd Maiden, Richard Miles, Richard White  
Herb Long, Greeter  
11 a.m. Bill Barnard, Team Leader; Margaret Kaluzny, Judy Nielsen, Nan Reuther  
Lynn Rainford, Greeter

### **Welcome Team**

A special thank you today to Schooners, 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 & Music Assistant  
Emma Leibowitz, vocals  
Krista Strader, harp  
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

- One: We hear the voice of God calling,  
**Many: "Love your neighbor as yourself."**
- One: We feel the Spirit moving among us,  
**Many: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.**
- One: We know the love of Jesus.  
**Many: We love because Christ first loved us.**
- One: Come, worship God together.  
**Many: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.**

## A Medley of Hymns: We Praise You, O God (Hymnal #612)

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt.; Music: *Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing  
We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us  
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win  
With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

## O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymnal #610, verses 1, 2, 3, 5)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Music: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace  
Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive  
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe  
To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven**

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymnal #366, verses 1, 3, 4)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.; Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart  
Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love  
Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Reading: Psalm 71:1–6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.  
For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

## Preparation for Prayer: You Are My Hiding Place

Words & Music: Michael Ledner, ©1981 CCCM Music, CCLI Song #21442

*refrain:* You are my hiding place

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You

I will trust in You

Let the weak say,

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord!" *refrain*

## Prayer of Confession

God of life,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always lived lives of love.  
We have lost patience and been rude.  
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.  
We have even let love end.  
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,  
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

God has loved us since the beginning,  
and God's love for us will never end.  
Do not fear, but have faith in God's steadfast love,  
God's healing power,  
and God's ability to make all things new.

## Response: Reckless Love

Words & Music: Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury, and Ran Jackson; CCLI Song #7089641, © 2017 Cory Asbury Publishing

**Before I spoke a word**

**You were singing over me**

**You have been so, so good to me**

**Before I took a breath**

**You breathed Your life in me**

**You have been so, so kind to me**

*Chorus:*       **O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God**  
                  **O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine**  
                  **I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give Yourself away**  
                  **O, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.**

**When I was Your foe**

**Still Your love fought for me**

**You have been so, so good to me**

**When I felt no worth**

**You paid it all for me**

**You have been so, so kind to me**   *Chorus*

## Sermon: *A Beautiful Mind*

### The Scripture (1 Corinthians 13:1–13) and other quotes

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. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:1–13)

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:35–40)

“Beloved brethren, [we] are philosophers not in words but in deeds; we exhibit our wisdom not by our dress, but by truth; we know virtues by their practice rather than through boasting of them; we do not speak great things, but we live them.” —St. Cyprian, 256 CE

- Never give up on love
- Lift others higher
- Be content with what I have
- Walk with humility
- Restrict feelings of self-importance
- Never force myself on others
- Let others go first
- Keep anger under control
- No running tab on mistakes of others
- Reject taking pleasure when others stumble
- Always welcome the truth of things
- Stay true regardless of what comes at me
- Trust God with everything
- Always look for the best
- Don't live in the past
- Keep moving forward to God's future

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

(1 John 4:16b)

## The Gift of Love

Traditional English Melody, Lyrics adapted & arranged by Hal H. Hopson; © 2015 Hope Publishing Company

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

Come, spirit come, our hearts control  
Our spirits long to be made whole  
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed  
By this we worship and are freed

Amen

## Responsive Prayer

One: Holy God, before time you named us  
Through time you redeem us  
You call us, precious in your sight

**Many: May we love as you love.**

One: Holy One, through the turbulent waters  
Make us steady, your hands  
Holding strong the fragile and weak

**Many: May we love as you love.**

One: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives  
be food for the hungry, bread,  
clothing, shelter, fire, water, Word

**Many: May we love as you love.**

One: God of justice, remove the chaff  
Of our lives that keep us from  
Hearing, following, Your call

**Many: May we love as you love.**

One: Loving God, take this day our fears, our  
Worries, distractions, and all  
Turn them into wheat, heart food

**Many: May we love as you love. Amen.**

## 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 Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (Hymnal #546)

Text: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.; Music: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace  
Let us each, your love possessing  
Triumph in redeeming grace  
O refresh us, O refresh us  
Traveling through this wilderness  
Thanks we give and adoration  
For your gospel's joyful sound  
May the fruits of your salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found  
Savior, when your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way  
Let no fear of death appall us  
Glad your summons to obey  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day