

LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



February 2, 2020

**We Gather**

**Prelude**

Honor to You, Lord Jesus Christ  
Stewart Sarch, Organist  
Contemplation

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Handbell Choir; Tessique Houston, Director

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Peter Whitelock & Jaime Polson

Gather Us In (Hymnal #401, verses 1–3)

tune: Gather Us In

**We Praise**

**Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Hymnal #32)

tune: Ellacombe

**Reading**

Psalms 34:1–10, 22

Jaime Polson

**Preparation for Prayer**

All Who Are Thirsty

by Brenton Brown & Glenn Roberts

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jaime Polson

**Response**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

tune: Ebenezer

**Peace**

Brett Strader

**We Hear the Word**

**Sermon**

*Love Mercy*  
(Matthew 5:7, p. 785)

Peter Whitelock

**Holy Communion**

**Prayer of the People & the Lord's Prayer**

Gerald Chinen

**Apostles' Creed**

(Hymnal p. 17)

**We Respond**

**Life of the Church**

**Offering**

Holy Is Our God  
Handbell Choir; Tessique Houston, Director

arr. Dan R. Edwards (b. 1951)

**Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymnal #606)

tune: Old Hundredth

**Charge & Benediction**

Peter Whitelock

**Postlude**

Air in D  
Stewart Sarch, organist

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

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

### **Worship Flowers**

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Betty Glazier in loving remembrance of Bob Glazier and their wedding date, February 2, 1952.

### **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, Margot Squier, Lynne Terril

### **Hospitality Team**

9 a.m. Fred George, Team Leader; Todd Maiden, Richard Miles, John Minney  
Bobbie Dodson-Nielsen, Lois Daane, Greeters  
11 a.m. Bill Barnard, Team Leader; Jackie Ellis, Margaret Kaluzny, Nan Reuther  
Sherri Nissen, Greeter

### **Welcome Team**

A special thank you today to the Voyagers 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  
Handbell Choir; Tessique Houston, Director  
Judy Clark, Leslie O'Brien, vocals  
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: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ:  
"Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**Many: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**Many: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

One: In the name of Christ,

**Many: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

One: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

One: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Hope.**

One: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**Many: we proclaim the God of Love**

One: Come, let us worship together  
and share our witness of God's living presence in the world

## Gather Us In (Hymnal #401, verses 1-3)

*Text and Music: Marty Haugen, 1979 © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc*

**Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name  
We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song  
Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here You shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true**

## **Hymn of Praise: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Hymnal #32)**

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.; Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey  
I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!  
There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there**

## **Reading : Psalm 34:1–10, 22**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be ashamed.  
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,  
and was saved from every trouble.  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.  
O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

## **Preparation for Prayer: All Who Are Thirsty**

Words & Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts

*Verse:*           **All who are thirsty, all who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away  
In the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep. We sing**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come** 3x, *Verse*

**Holy Spirit come** 3x

## **Response: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

Text: S. Trevor Francis, 1890; Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me  
Is the current of his love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To that glorious rest above  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
Love of every love the best  
Vast the ocean of his blessing  
Sweet the haven of his rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus  
For my heaven of heavens is he  
This my everlasting glory  
Jesus' mighty love for me!**

## **Sermon: Love Mercy**

### **Scriptures (Matthew 5:7, Hebrews 2:17, Luke 6:36, Matthew 9:10–13) and a few quotes**

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” (Matthew 5:7)

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:17)

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:36)

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

(Matthew 9:10–13)

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. – Pope Francis

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice. – Abraham Lincoln

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Text: Matthew 6:9–13; Music: Albert Hay Mallotte; arr. by Donald P. Hustad

**Our Father, which 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.**

## **The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 17)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (#606)**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**