

# LAFAYETTE-ORINDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 6, 2020—Livestream at 9 a.m. and on demand

## We Gather

Welcome

Peter Whitelock

## We Praise

Opening Song

Gather Us In

tune: Gather Us In

Children's Message

Psalms 26:3

Lori Robinson

Preparation for Prayer

Mighty To Save

by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Confession and Forgiveness

Lauren Gully

Peace

Jaime Polson

Gift of Music

Shalom

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Jessica Whitlatch, soprano; Chad Runyon, bass; Joyce Lee, violin; Brett Strader, piano

## We Hear the Word

Sermon

Darkest Hour  
(1 Thessalonians 3:1–10)

Peter Whitelock

## Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

Here Is Love

by R. S. Lowry, M. Redman & W. Rees

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Gerald Chinen

Apostles' Creed

tune: Hyfrydol

## We Respond

Life of the Church

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

tune: Old Hundredth

Charge & Benediction

Peter Whitelock

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SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

## Opening Song: Gather Us In

Words and Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

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 myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry  
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

## Preparation for Prayer: Mighty To Save

Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The Hope of Nations  
*refrain* Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave

**Jesus conquered the grave**

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender *refrain*  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King. *refrain*

**Gift of Music: Shalom**

Text: John 14:27; Music: Dan Forrest ©2020 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Peace. Shalom  
Peace I leave with you  
Peace I give to you  
Peace. Shalom  
Peace I leave with you  
My peace I give to you  
Peace. Shalom  
Not as this world gives  
I give to you  
Do not be afraid. Shalom  
My peace I give to you, shalom  
Peace I leave with you, shalom  
My peace I give to you.  
Peace. Shalom, my peace I give you  
Peace. Shalom.

**Sermon: Darkest Hour**

**the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 3:1–10, Romans 8:38–39)**

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens; and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor had been in vain. But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good

news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. (1 Thessalonians 3:1–10)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38–39)

## **Communion Hymn: Here Is Love**

Words and Music: Robert S. Lowry, Matt Redman, and William Rees

**Here is love, vast as the ocean**

**Lovingkindness as the flood**

**When the Prince of Life, our Ransom**

**Shed for us His precious blood**

*refrain:*       **Who His love will not remember?  
Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten  
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days**

**On the mount of crucifixion**

**Fountains opened deep and wide**

**Through the floodgates of God's mercy**

**Flowed a vast and gracious tide**

**Grace and love, like mighty rivers**

**Poured incessant from above**

**And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice**

**Kissed a guilty world in love**       *refrain*

**No love is higher**

**No love is wider**

**No love is deeper**

**No love is truer**

**No love is higher**

**No love is wider**

**No love is like Your love, O Lord**

**Here is love, vast as the ocean**

**Lovingkindness as the flood**

**When the Prince of Life, our Ransom**

**Shed for us His precious blood**

## 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

## The Apostles' Creed

Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard

I believe in God the Father  
Maker of both heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
God's own Son of matchless worth  
By the Holy Ghost conceived  
Virgin Mary bore God's Son  
He in whom I have believed  
God, Almighty, Three in One  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate  
Crucified for me He died  
Laid within the grave so silent  
Gates of hell He opened wide  
And the stone-sealed tomb was empty  
On the third day He arose  
Into heaven made His entry  
Mighty Conqueror of His foes  
At God's right hand He is seated  
Till His coming, as He said  
Final judgment will be meted  
To the living and the dead  
I confess the Holy Spirit  
Has been sent through Christ the Son  
To apply salvation's merit  
God the Spirit, Three in One  
I believe the Church of Jesus  
Holy catholic remains  
We are one through all the ages  
With communion of the saints  
I believe sins are forgiven  
That our bodies will be raised  
Everlasting life in heaven  
Amen, let God's name be praised!

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

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.**