

## Christ Church - April 27, 2008

10:30AM Berkeley / 5:00PM Rockridge

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### REFLECTION

"The psalmists lay open [our] inmost thoughts and [emotions], and call, or rather, draw, each of us to the examination of self in particular, in order that none of the many infirmities to which we are subject, and of the many vices with which we abound, may remain concealed."

*-John Calvin, The Psalms.*

"Prayer catapults us onto the frontier of the spiritual life. Of all the Spiritual Disciplines prayer is the most central because it ushers us into perpetual communion with the Father."

*-Richard Foster, Celebration of Discipline.*

#### PRELUDE

*We appreciate your willingness to 1) come early out of respect for fellow worshipers and the one worshiped, and 2) take seats toward the front and center to create space for latecomers.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP - Jonathan St. Clair

##### You Are Holy

Praise Father God, giver of life  
Power and might, goodness and light, ruler of all  
Praise to the Son, the living Christ  
Body and blood, mercy and love, sweet sacrifice

You are holy, holy  
You are holy, holy

Praise Holy Ghost, voice in the dark  
Healer and Friend, fire and wind, Lord of our hearts  
Praise Father God, praise to the Son  
Praise Holy Ghost, praise Father Son, and Holy Ghost

*Words and Music: Byrd & Hindalong; © 2002 New Spring Publishing, Inc. / Never Say Never Songs*

##### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise his name I'm fixed upon it name of God's redeeming love

Hither to Thy love has blest me Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger bought me with His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it seal it for Thy courts above

*Robert Robertson, 1758*

#### CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord.

*Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time.*

## **We Delight**

*Chorus*

We delight in the law of your Word  
We delight in the Son who was perfect from birth  
We delight in the day He's returning to earth  
Hallelujah

We will bow our hearts because we are free  
As we lift our hands to give you glory  
Father of life and love and infinite worth

We're delivered by blood that flows from the tree  
Draws near to You vessels of Your mercy  
Before the invention of man, the glorious Trinity

We will lift our eyes to the cloud and the flame  
Lord, You guide our steps and restore us again  
The nations of man will rejoice in the God of the wilderness  
*Caedmon's Call, © 2001*

## **SCRIPTURE - Psalm 1**

*Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.*

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed are those  
    who do not walk in step with the wicked  
    or stand in the way that sinners take  
    or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but who delight in the law of the LORD  
    and meditate on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> They are like a tree planted by streams of water,  
    which yields its fruit in season  
    and whose leaf does not wither—  
    whatever they do prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
    They are like chaff  
    that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
    nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
    but the way of the wicked will be destroyed.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** - Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi - The Prayerful Life  
Bart Garrett

### **There is a Fountain**

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.  
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The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day,  
And there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away.  
And there may I though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God, be saved to sin no more.  
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E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.  
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*William Cowper, 1771*

## OFFERING

*Checks for the offering may be made payable to Christ Church. Gifts are tax deductible with receipts issued at the conclusion of the tax year. New to Christ Church? Get connected by filling out a connection card and placing it in the offering basket.*

## Doxology - All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Oh Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*Refrain*

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
Oh Praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

*Text: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225, Music: David Crowder*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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### Upcoming Events

#### Connection at Christ Church - Saturday, May 10 from 5-8pm

If you are new to Christ Church or a regular attendee, Connection at Christ Church is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about our purpose, vision, and mission, as well as how to best participate in the life and ministry of our church. Our gathering will be a potluck dinner limited to 15 people, and we will let you know what to bring after we finalize the guest list. Also, please remember to bring \$5 to cover printing costs for materials. Please note that those interested in becoming members at Christ Church must attend (1) Connection at Christ Church, (2) then Commitment to Christ Church, (3) and finally a personal membership interview discussing the covenant vows that will be agreed upon in an installation service during Sunday worship. We will gather at Ben and Elaine Jun's house (5033 Boyd Ave., Oakland, CA, 95618). Please RSVP on the church's web site by Monday, March 31st.

#### Give Teaching a Try

Teaching, encouraging, (and playing with!) our children is a vital component of the mission of Christ Church. This takes numerous volunteers including dedicated teachers. We are making plans for our summer season of Children's Church. Many of our teachers teach September through May and take a break during the summer, which creates a wonderful opportunity to try teaching out if you have not taught in a while or have not taught before. The commitment would involve teaching once per month in June, July, and August. Our next teacher training will be Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. In Berkeley we will begin at 9am (9:45 for returning teachers) and at Rockridge at 3:30pm

(4:15 for returning teachers). Childcare will be provided. Please contact Angela Henson if you are interested or have any questions at [angela@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:angela@christchurchberkeley.org).

### **Right Pathing Your Future - Saturday, May 3 from 9-1pm**

Who am I? Where am I going? How am I going to get there? RightPathing@ Your Future is a whole life approach to personal development and career planning that seeks to bring clarity to these ubiquitous questions. The seminar converges an internet-deployed assessment suite with a fun and effective community learning environment. The online assessments will help you explore the key components of who you are (Passions, Skills, Behaviors, Values), where you are going (Life Purpose), and how you are going to get there (Goals). We hope that you and your friend, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates will take advantage of this unique opportunity for self-discovery. Please visit the website for details and RSVP to sign up for the free online assessments and seminar. Parents, childcare is available, but you must RSVP.

### **Hike Mt. Tamalpais - Saturday May 10 at 10am**

Come hike with us on Mount Tamalpais, just north of San Francisco's Golden Gate. It has redwood groves and oak woodlands with a spectacular view from the 2,571-foot peak. On a clear day, visitors can see the Farallon Islands 25 miles out to sea, the Marin County hills, San Francisco and the bay, hills and cities of the East Bay, and Mount Diablo. On rare occasions, the Sierra Nevada's snow-covered mountains can be seen 150 miles away. This hike is an excellent opportunity to interact in a fun, relaxed setting in or around the East Bay and to introduce friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the Christ Church community.

## **Weekly Announcements**

### **New to Christ Church?**

We encourage you to take the outer worship folder home with you as it is complete with important contact information. Regular attenders may help us recycle by placing them in the re-use bin in the back.

### **Community Groups**

We seek to create a welcoming and vibrant community by developing Community Groups of 6-12 people as the primary catalysts for nurture and mission in our church. Our groups meet weekly in homes during throughout the Bay Area. While community groups meet seasonally, they are always open and you can join one at any time. Visit our website to sign up for the group closest to you.

### **RUF at CAL - Thursday, 7-8:30pm**

Are you a Cal student? Trying to figure out what Christianity is about? Looking to grow in your faith? We'd love for you and your friends to join us as we study the book of Genesis (Where is Jesus in Genesis?). RUF meets at the Wesley Student Center (Dana and Bancroft.) For more info contact Brent Webster ([bwebster@ruf.org](mailto:bwebster@ruf.org), 415-317-7111) or visit our website: [www.rufcal.org](http://www.rufcal.org).

### **Parking**

For those worshipping in Berkeley, parking is complimentary at the Allston Way Garage (2061 Allston Way) from 10am to 2pm. You will be responsible for covering any extra time (anything over \$3.00). Please validate your parking stub with the stamp located on the resource table in the foyer of the Gaia theater. For those worshipping in Rockridge, parking is available behind the church in the Dreyer's Parking Lot, accessible from Claremont Ave. or Chabot Road. Street parking is free on Sunday.

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