

Christ Church

The Lord's Day - June 29, 2008

10:30AM Berkeley / 5:00PM Rockridge

REFLECTION

"Finally, Psalm 109 is an affirmation of God's governance. The psalm moves from the sure and strong conviction that this is a moral universe, that Yahweh governs with equity and is not indifferent, that the exploitive ones finally do not go unbridled, but must be called to answer. Such a conviction may not be urgent in our comfortable lives, but this psalm is for all those who surround our little oases of satiation with hurt, indignation, and hatred. Here it is affirmed that hatred is one mode of access to the God who cares for his majesty, honors his fidelity and is moved to compassion. At the moment, we may not be poor and needy enough to pray with such venom, but there are poor and needy who need such prayers and who need others to join in their articulation. This is the voice of disordered life yearning for a new order from the throne."

-Walter Bruemmemann, *The Message of the Psalms*, 1984.

"I don't have pet peeves; I have major, psychotic hatreds."

-George Carlin (*May 12, 1937- June 22, 2008*)

PRELUDE

We appreciate your willingness to 1) come early out of respect for fellow worshipers and the one worshiped, 2) take seats toward the front and center to create space for latecomers, and 3) reserve seats in the rear and balcony for new parents.

Are you new to Christian worship? For over 2000 years, singing has been a vital part of the way Christians express themselves in worship. You will find the lyrics to several songs (some old and some new) in this, your worship liturgy. Please feel free to sing along if you so choose, or, if you are uncomfortable singing, you are free to simply enjoy the music and ponder the lyrics.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Jonathan St. Clair

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

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Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide;
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:

Refrain

We beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:

May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:

May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:

Thomas Pollock, 1871; © 1997 Christopher Miner Music.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! This Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness!
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
Charitie L. Bancroft, 1863; © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

SCRIPTURE - Psalm 109

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

- ¹ My God, whom I praise,
do not remain silent,
- ² for people who are wicked and deceitful
have opened their mouths against me;
they have spoken against me with lying tongues.
- ³ With words of hatred they surround me;
they attack me without cause.
- ⁴ In return for my friendship they accuse me,
but I am a man of prayer.
- ⁵ They repay me evil for good,
and hatred for my friendship.
- ⁶ Appoint someone evil to oppose my enemy;
let an accuser stand at his right hand.
- ⁷ When he is tried, let him be found guilty,
and may his prayers condemn him.
- ⁸ May his days be few;
may another take his place of leadership.

- ⁹ May his children be fatherless
and his wife a widow.
- ¹⁰ May his children be wandering beggars;
may they be driven from their ruined homes.
- ¹¹ May a creditor seize all he has;
may strangers plunder the fruits of his labor.
- ¹² May no one extend kindness to him
or take pity on his fatherless children.
- ¹³ May his descendants be cut off,
their names blotted out from the next generation.
- ¹⁴ May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD;
may the sin of his mother never be blotted out.
- ¹⁵ May their sins always remain before the LORD,
that he may blot out their name from the earth.
- ¹⁶ For he never thought of doing a kindness,
but hounded to death the poor
and the needy and the brokenhearted.
- ¹⁷ He loved to pronounce a curse—
may it come on him.
He found no pleasure in blessing—
may it be far from him.
- ¹⁸ He wore cursing as his garment;
it entered into his body like water,
into his bones like oil.
- ¹⁹ May it be like a cloak wrapped about him,
like a belt tied forever around him.
- ²⁰ May this be the LORD's payment to my accusers,
to those who speak evil of me.
- ²¹ But you, Sovereign LORD,
help me for your name's sake;
out of the goodness of your love, deliver me.
- ²² For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.
- ²³ I fade away like an evening shadow;
I am shaken off like a locust.
- ²⁴ My knees give way from fasting;
my body is thin and gaunt.
- ²⁵ I am an object of scorn to my accusers;
when they see me, they shake their heads.
- ²⁶ Help me, LORD my God;
save me according to your unfailing love.
- ²⁷ Let them know that it is your hand,
that you, LORD, have done it.
- ²⁸ While they curse, may you bless;
may those who attack me be put to shame,
but may your servant rejoice.
- ²⁹ May my accusers be clothed with disgrace
and wrapped in shame as in a cloak.

³⁰ With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD;
in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him.

³¹ For he stands at the right hand of the needy,
to save their lives from those who would condemn them.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi - The Prayer of Those Who Take God Seriously
Bart Garrett

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Come ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
Full of pity, love, and power

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

Chorus

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him

Come ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
You will never come at all

Lo! the incarnate, God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him, venture wholly
Let no other trust intrude.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Suzie Shin and Justin Lawrence

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

With Every Breath

Hallelujah from the heavens
Hallelujah in the heights above the earth
Hallelujah all His angels
Hallelujah for the last will be first

Chorus

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord

Hallelujah in the morning
Hallelujah for the beauty of His scars
Hallelujah in the twilight
Hallelujah sun and moon and shining star

When the night seems so long
You can sing a new song
When you're weak, He is strong
He Can heal your wounded soul
And Calm the storm inside
For all your times of laughter
In every hopeful prayer
When the world weights on your shoulders
Through sorrow and despair
With everything that has breath praise the Lord
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord
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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.

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Upcoming Events

Summer Salon - Conversations on Calling with Dr. Steven Garber - Monday, June 30 at 7pm

Join us at The Gaia Arts Center (2120 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704) for an evening focused on vocation with Dr. Steven Garber, the Director of The Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation, and Culture. The author of *The Fabric of Faithfulness: Weaving Together Belief and Behavior During the University Years*, he was a long-time member of the faculty of the American Studies Program on Capitol Hill and currently serves as a Senior Fellow for The C. S. Lewis Institute and The Fellows Initiative. He has a particular interest in the habits of heart that sustain individuals and institutions, as well as in the relationship of popular culture to political culture. Childcare provided for this event contingent upon RSVP no less than one week in advance. Please send an email to Angela Henson for childcare.

Morning Prayer - 7:15 to 8 am on Tuesdays in Berkeley & Thursdays in Rockridge

Join us for morning prayer centered upon readings from the Psalms and New Testament. Our time together looks like so: 7:15 Read Scripture and pray together / 8:00 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Please arrive on time as we will begin promptly at 7:15. You may leave early as needed or stick around for coffee, breakfast, and spiritual counsel with Jonathan St. Clair, our Pastor of Spiritual Formation. We will gather at the Christ Church Office (Tuesdays - 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley, 94707) and the St. Clair house (Thursdays - 5945 Keith Ave., Oakland, 94618). You are always welcome to pray every Sunday with the pastors and the serving Community Group at 9:00am in Berkeley (Christ Church Office) and 3:45pm in Rockridge (CAPC Library.)

Hanging Out for a Good Cause – Microbreweries Battling Breast Cancer - Saturday, July 12th, 1PM – 5PM

Come join us for our monthly Second Saturday Social as we're heading back to Marin Brewing Company (in Larkspur – just across the Richmond bridge) for the 8th Annual Microbreweries Battling Breast Cancer. The event includes BBQ, live music, and tastings from over 25 local microbreweries. Tickets are \$35 with all proceeds benefiting the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic (a health clinic that supports low-income women with cancer). For more information check out the event flyer: www.charlottemaxwell.org/docs/BrewPoster08.pdf. Anyone and everyone (> 21 years of age) is welcome. If you are interested, please email or call Stu Rentz (stuartrentz@yahoo.com) or 404/314-0735 for additional details. These gatherings are for professionals and students who want to explore the Bay Area and connect with people at Christ Church and the broader community. Each one is a relaxed opportunity to introduce friends, neighbors, and co-workers to the Christ Church community. If you can't make it to this month's event, be sure to reserve the Second Saturday on your calendar for next month.

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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.

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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WE NEED YOU... YES, YOU!!!

The church, as a volunteer organization, often falls into an unhealthy pattern and operates according to the 20/80 principle: 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. However, when a church fails to "flex its muscles" in service and mission, it becomes weak, out-of-shape, atrophied, and selfish. Some people have gifts, don't use them, and become lazy. Others have gifts, overuse them, and get burned out. We seek to be a healthy, dynamic, and vigorous church modeled after the pattern of Jesus, who humbled himself to serve, enrich, and exalt others. We also seek to be a church in which everyone is faithfully stewarding and exercising their passions, skills, and spiritual gifts in service to the people of God and the broader community. Thus, please note the following needs at Christ Church. If you think God may be calling you to serve in any of the following ways, please sign up at our volunteer table after the worship service or contact Anita Sunraj: anita@christchurchberkeley.org and indicate your area of interest.

Setup/Breakdown for Summer Salon on Monday Nights

Do you want to get to know people in our Christ Church community? Serving at the Summer Salon on Monday nights would be an easy way to do so. Our Community Groups will be responsible, but if you are NOT presently in a Community Group, we could use your help on any Monday night that you are available from June 2 to August 11. Please arrive around 6:15pm to help with set-up, or stay after the event to help with breakdown.

Hosts for Community Groups and Newcomer Groups for Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

Do you have a passion for community and hospitality? Do you desire to welcome people into your home and foster relationships? Do you have a living space that can comfortably accommodate 8-12 people? We want to create spaces and opportunities for small groups of people to gather in their respective neighborhoods throughout the week for spiritual and relational development. Our hope is to have groups in the following neighborhoods – Berkeley, North Berkeley, West Berkeley, San Francisco, Berkeley Hills, Albany, Rockridge, Emeryville, Piedmont, Lake Merritt, Alameda, and Walnut Creek.

Sunday Operations Coordinators for Community Groups for Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

Do you have a passion for hospitality and service? Do you desire to create a warm and welcoming environment for the church to gather in worship? Do you have skills and gifts for organizing people in order to make our worship and childcare even better? We want each of our Community Groups to have a Sunday Operations coordinator who can activate their group to serve the church on a 4-6 week rotation and make Sunday worship happen from start to finish.

Project Peace Coordinators for Community Groups for Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

Do you have a passion for mercy and justice? Do you desire to serve the broader community on a regular basis? Do you have skills and gifts for mobilizing people around a particular task? We want each of our Community Groups to have a Project Peace Coordinator who can activate their group to partner in an ongoing monthly relationship with a social service provider in or near your neighborhood.

Director(s) of Hospitality

Do you love creating environments that nurture relational and spiritual flourishing? Do you enjoy running errands, making coffee, setting the table, and leaving behind a clean space? We would greatly appreciate some relief in preparation for various events: Connection to Christ Church, Commitment to Christ Church, Community Dinners, Leader Development Saturdays, and the like.

Director(s) of Sunday Operations – Berkeley/Rockridge

Do you love protocols, spreadsheets, and other organizational tools? Are two of your favorite words "efficient" and "effective"? A Director of Sunday Operations will be responsible to 1) manage the schedule, manual, and supplies, 2) oversee and encourage coordinators, 3) organize and clean storage areas, and 4) think creatively and prayerfully about fostering a culture of hospitality and worship on Sundays.

Teaching Our Children

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 8th. 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.

Audio Visual Team

Do you enjoy listening to our worship services on Sunday? Our worship service sound is made possible by an Audio/Visual Team comprised entirely of volunteers. We really need your help! If you are interested in joining the A/V ministry, or if you would just like to learn more, please talk to or email your interest to Pam Vanderzalm (Berkeley) and Ricky Shin (Rockridge) avteam@christchurchberkeley.org.