

**Christ Church**  
The Lord's Day - July 27, 2008  
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

**REFLECTION**

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."

*-Bishop Desmond Tutu*

"Cowardice asks the question: is it safe? Expediency asks the question: is it politic? Vanity asks the question: is it popular? But conscience asks the question: is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular- but one must take it simply because it is right."

*-Martin Luther King Jr.*

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

*-Jimi Hendrix*

**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** - Jose Figueroa

**You Alone**

You are the only one I need  
I bow all of me at Your feet, I worship You alone

You have given me more than I could ever have wanted  
And I want to give You my heart and my soul

You alone are Father and You alone are good  
You alone are Savior and You alone are God

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**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in Thee  
I give Thee back the life I owe  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be

O Light that follows all my way  
I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, richer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to Thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

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**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. Amen.

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

### **I Will Praise Him Still**

When the morning falls on the farthest hill  
I will sing His name, I will praise Him still  
When dark trials come, and my heart is filled  
With the weight of doubt, I will praise Him still

For the Lord, our God, He is strong to save  
From the arms of death, from the deepest grave,  
And he gave us life in His perfect will  
And by His good grace I will praise Him still

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### **SCRIPTURE**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 10:25-37

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he felt compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Series: The Storyteller

Title: Good Samaritans

Minister: Bart Garrett

### **How High and How Wide**

No eye has seen and no ear has heard  
and no mind has ever conceived  
the glorious things that you have prepared

for everyone who has believed;  
You brought us near and you called us your own,  
and made us joint heirs with your Son.

How high and how wide  
how deep and how long  
how sweet and how strong is your love;  
How lavish your grace  
how faithful your ways  
how great is your love, O Lord!

Objects of mercy, who should have known wrath,  
we're filled with unspeakable joy,  
riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,  
and the wonder of knowing your voice;  
You are our treasure and our great reward,  
our hope and our glorious King.

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## COMMUNION

### Guidelines for Reception of Communion

*Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and/or reflection. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

### Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Communing

*If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.*

#### *Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Those Searching for Truth*

God, if you are real and you care about me, please show up in my life. Open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of your character, your works, and your world that makes sense to me. If Jesus really is "the way, the truth, and the life," and, if Jesus really died for the sins of humanity, rose again from the dead, and will one day return, then I need you to persuade me and give me faith. Amen.

#### *Prayer of Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

*Minister:* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

*Minister:* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

*Minister:* Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All:* 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.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And also with you.

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts!

*All:* We lift them up to the Lord!

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*All:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

### **Words of Institution – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **Words of Response**

*Minister:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*All:* Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*Minister:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

*Minister:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please help us by placing your plastic communion cups in the recycle bin in the back of the worship space at the conclusion of worship.*

### **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.*

### **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Naked, poor, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!

God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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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.

## COMMUNITY LIFE BENEDICTION

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Post-Worship Community Meal in Rockridge - Sunday, July 27, 6:30pm**

Make plans to join us for a relaxed and informal community meal, gathering around the table with friends old and new in the Christ Church Community. The cost will be \$5 per person and kids are free.

#### **Summer Salon - Christmas in July with Trade As One - Monday, July 28, 7pm**

Please join us and go shopping in the Fair Trade Boutique at the Gaia Arts Center (2120 Allston Way). Most people don't realize that how we shop is a social justice issue. Trade As One partners with fair trade vendors all over the world to insure that they get a fair market price for their products. The quality of these products would rival that of any Soho boutique. These partners employ people that are being freed from poverty, slavery, and abuse. Merchandise includes jewelry, handbags, housewares and gifts for the whole family. Also, Nathan George, the founder and leader of Trade As One, will tell us a bit about the global south's crisis of poverty and the global north's crisis of meaning.

#### **Morning Prayer - 7:15 to 8am 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.)

#### **Next Sermon in this Series 'The Storyteller'**

Title: Rich Fools

Text: Luke 12:13-34

#### **Second Saturday Social: Cool Art and Haute Dogs - Saturday, August 9, 12:30pm - 5:30pm**

We're going to find out just how cool is the Birth of the Cool exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California (1000 Oak St. @ 10th St.). Tickets are \$8/person, \$5 for students (with ID). Afterward, we'll convene at Stu Rentz's pad in the neighborhood (1130 3rd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606) for a post-exhibit Top Dog BBQ (\$6/person for 2 top dogs & tasty beverages). Join us for either or both parts of the outing. These gatherings are for professionals and students who want to explore the Bay Area and connect with people at 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. If you will be eating, please RSVP to Christi Foist [christ.with.an.i@gmail.com](mailto:christ.with.an.i@gmail.com) (and let her know if you want a veggie dog!). If you're coming only to the BBQ, the approximate start time will be 2:30 p.m. Stu's number is 404.314.0735 if you need directions or have other questions about the BBQ.

#### **Cornerstone Gathering - Saturday, August 9, 6pm**

The second get-together of Christ Church's Cornerstone Community will be on Saturday, August 9, starting at 6:00 p.m. at 451 Crestmont Drive in the Oakland hills. Cornerstone is open to those in the Christ Church body who are 40+, as well as anyone else who enjoys their company. The group seeks to: 1) provide friendship and support for those in this demographic; and 2) use our talents, gifts and experience to support Christ Church and her mission in the wider community. Our first gathering in June was a smashing success, and we encourage and welcome any who are interested to join us in August. We will share a potluck meal in a backyard setting with a spectacular view of Oakland, the Bay, San Francisco and the sunset, while enjoying a casual, relaxed time of friendship. To RSVP and/or for more information, please contact Kyle and Diane Smith at 510-412-0767 or e-mail Diane at [dianeesmith@earthlink.net](mailto:dianeesmith@earthlink.net).

#### **Fall Recruitment for Teaching Our Children**

Teaching, encouraging, (and playing with!) our children is a vital component of the mission of Christ Church. This takes numerous volunteers and dedicated teachers. We are now making plans for Children's Church this fall and are excited to be starting a new curriculum, which has many ideas and activities to engage the children and bring the lesson to life. The commitment to teach involves teaching once per month in September, October, November and December. Our next teacher training will be on Sunday, August 10th. We will begin in Berkeley at 8:45am (9:30 for returning teachers) and in Rockridge at 3:15pm (4:00 for returning teachers). Childcare will be provided. Please contact Angela Henson ([angela@christchurchberkeley.org](mailto:angela@christchurchberkeley.org)) prior to the meeting if you are interested or have any questions.

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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](mailto:anita@christchurchberkeley.org) and indicate your area of interest.*

### **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.

### **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 AV 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](mailto:avteam@christchurchberkeley.org).