

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

GATHERING

What is worship?

Worship (from 'worth-ship' or 'to bow down'), is to acknowledge the supreme worth or value of someone or something. The Bible calls all people to worship God as King, praising his glory, honor, and power. The church-at-worship has always "devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2). These are the basic elements of Christian worship, each of which are expressed as a dance and dialogue of sorts – God gathers us, we respond to him; God speaks to us, we confess our faith in him; God offers bread and wine, we feast on him; God blesses and sends us out, and we build his kingdom in the world.

What do I do if I am new to worship?

One aspect of this encounter for Christians is to "sing and make music from your heart to the Lord... [with] psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit... always giving thanks." (Ephesians 5). You will find the lyrics to several songs, both old and new, in this worship liturgy; please sing with us or simply enjoy the music and ponder the lyrics.

How can I be considerate of others in worship?

- *Arrival – Please arrive early out of respect for God and those who have come to worship him.*
- *Seating – Please find seats toward the front and center to create space for latecomers, and please reserve seats in the rear and balcony for new parents and nursing mothers.*
- *Children – Please place younger children (below kindergarten) in childcare; older children may worship with us until children's church.*
- *Electronics – Please mute cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices.*
- *Reverence – Please do not walk around the worship space during the service except for times of singing.*

REFLECTION & PREPARATION

"The weak alone repent."

- Lord Byron, The Giaour (1813)

"Well, I'll repent, and that suddenly, while I am in some liking; I shall be out of heart shortly, and then I shall have no strength to repent."

-William Shakespeare, King Henry IV (1597)

"When our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, said 'Repent,' He called for the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

- Martin Luther, the first of ninety-five theses nailed to door of Wittenberg's Castle Church (1517)

PRELUDE

Today's Worship Leader: Jose Figueroa

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
2 Corinthians 13:13

All: And also with you.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Come, let us all worship and bow down together, let us kneel together before the Lord, our maker.

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. *Psalms 95:6-7*

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy

You are holy holy

The universe declares Your majesty

You are holy holy

Lord of heaven and earth

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Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I thy true Son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.
Ancient Irish hymn attributed to Dallan Forgaill in the 8th century

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.
Please forgive and help us.
Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.
Please forgive and help us.
Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.
Please forgive and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

You Give Sight and You Blind

Performed by special guest Rick Jensen

You give sight and you blind, you heal and you bruise
You create, and you cut down; Always the same yet you are moved
You are here yet you leave; A warrior yet you hide
Teacher speak the truth, yet you still confuse; You say you are safe and yet you are wild

Chorus

Still in all of your ways, yes in all of your ways you are holy.
Yet in all of your ways, yes in all of your ways, purest truth.
Yet in all of your ways, yes in all of your ways you are beautiful perfection,

mysterious, majestic, Triune

You judge yet the evil thrive, You bring peace and in hate provoke;
You receive and you turn your back, you restrain your wrath let the flood gates go

And I know you as little as I understand the sky
And I would draw near if only this child could fly
You say there's a name I can claim if only I could speak
My only hope, Lord Christ, I need, I need.

You call and are silent, you reject and you choose.
You are gentle yet into the dark you cast out.
You tie burden on burden just for you to loose.

Nathan Partain, 2004

SCRIPTURE

Please stand for the reading of God's Word.

A reading from Deuteronomy 30:1-3 and Jeremiah 18:11-12.

Dt 30:1 When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations, 2 and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you.

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Jer 18:11 "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.' 12 But they will reply, 'It's no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts.' "

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:1-9.

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

8 " 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Storyteller

Fig Trees: The Fruit of Repentance

Jonathan St. Clair

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds

And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,

And calms the troubled breast.

Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treasury filled with
Boundless stores of grace.

Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought
But when I see Thee as Thou art
I'll praise Thee as I ought

Til then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death

Text: John Newton (1725-1807)

STORY FROM OUR COMMUNITY

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.

If You Lead me Lord

All who are weak, All who are weary
Come to the rock, Come to the fountain
all who have sailed, On the rivers of heartache
Come to the sea, Come on be set free

Chorus

If you lead me Lord I will follow
Where You lead me Lord I will go
Come and heal me Lord, I will follow
Where You lead me Lord, I will go
I will go, I will go

All who are weak, All who are weary
Come to the rock, Come to the fountain
All who have climbed, On the mountains of heartache
Reach to the stars, Come on give Your life

All who are weak, All who are weary
All who are tired, All who are thirsty
All who have failed, All who have broken
Come to the rock, Come to the fountain

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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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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.

Connection at Christ Church - Saturday, September 20, 5-8pm

If you are new to Christ Church or a regular attender, 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 at the home of Jose and Laura Figueroa (2820 Fulton St., Berkeley), 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.

Newcomer Groups - Beginning the Week of September 1-5

Joining a Newcomer Group (6 weeks) is the primary way to get introduced to other new-ish folks at Christ Church and interact with the vision and mission of Christ Church. These groups typically gather around the table for dinner or dessert with a focus on:

Weeks 1-2	Getting to know one another
Weeks 3-4	Getting to know our faith journeys and questions (skeptical, curious or committed)
Week 5	Getting to know Christ Church
Week 6	What's Next?

Please visit our Google map on the website to sign up for a Newcomer Group nearest 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete listing of announcements and information, please visit our announcements page and website calendar at www.christchurchberkeley.org.

Summer Salon - Summer Film and Conversation- *As We Forgive* - Monday, August 11, 7pm

Join us as we view and discuss *As We Forgive* (2008), a documentary narrated by Mia Farrow about Rosaria and Chantal – two Rwandan women coming face-to-face with the men who slaughtered their families during the 1994 genocide. The subjects of *As We Forgive* speak for a nation still wracked by the grief of a genocide that killed one in eight Rwandans in 1994. Overwhelmed by an enormous backlog of court cases, the government has returned over 50,000 thousand genocide perpetrators back to the very communities they helped to destroy. Without the hope of full justice, Rwanda has turned to a new solution: Reconciliation. Films possess immense power for telling stories about human life - be they comic or tragic, serious or absurd, sacred or profane, simple or complex. Yet films not only depict human life; they also construct (or deconstruct!) what it means to be human. The purpose of our dialogue is to explore, interpret, and celebrate film in all its aspects - from aesthetic qualities to social, political, and spiritual implications and beyond.

Post-Worship Community Meal in Rockridge - Sunday, August 10 & 24, 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.

WE NEED YOU

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 contact office@christchurchberkeley.org and indicate your area of interest.

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.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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 the New Testament; you may leave early as needed or stick around for coffee and conversation. We meet at the Christ Church Office (Tuesdays - 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley) and St. Clairs (Thursdays - 5954 Keith Avenue, Oakland).

Neighborhood Groups - Beginning the Week of September 1-5

Joining a Neighborhood Group (15 weeks) is the best way to connect with others in the Christ Church community, explore and deepen faith, serve the church and love your neighbors. These groups of 8-14 people meet in apartments and homes throughout the

Bay Area during the week to share a meal, talk about the issues of life, pray together, discuss the Sunday scripture and sermon, and strategize creative ways to serve the church and love our neighbors. Please visit our Google map on the website to sign up for a Neighborhood Group nearest to you.

Next Sermon in this Series 'The Storyteller'

Great Banquets
Luke 14:12-24

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND LEADERS

Please visit the Google map on our website to sign up for a group and find addresses and directions.

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SERMON NOTES

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