

Christ Church
Second Sunday After Easter
April 26, 2009
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

Gathering and Reflecting

"We could cope—the world could cope—with a Jesus who ultimately remains a wonderful idea inside his disciples' minds and hearts. The world cannot cope with a Jesus who comes out of the tomb, who inaugurates God's new creation right in the middle of the old one."

-N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope

"The Lord's Prayer itself when it says, 'Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.' That remains one of the most powerful and revolutionary sentences we can ever say. As I see it, the prayer was powerfully answered at the first Easter and will finally be answered fully when heaven and earth are joined in the new Jerusalem. Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present. The ultimate future hope remains a surprise, partly because at present we have only images and metaphors for it, leaving us to guess that the reality will be far greater, and more surprising, still."

-N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope

"Hope is the worst of evils, for it prolongs the torments of man."

-Friedrich Nietzsche

Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jose Figueroa

Today's Teaching Pastor: Bart Garrett

Call to Worship - Psalm 16

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."**

I say of the godly who are in the land,
"They are the noble people in whom is all my delight."

**I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.**

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,**

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

**You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,**

with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love.
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days;
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail;
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end;
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love –
While angels delight to worship above.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days;
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
Robert Grant, 1833; Public domain

Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior;
The Hope of Nations.

Chorus
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 everything I believe in,
Now I surrender.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,
We're singing for the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.
Words and Music: Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding, ©2006 Hillsong Publishing

Prayer of Adoration

Welcoming One Another

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time.

All Creatures

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
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Let all things their creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one
Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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Oh, praise Him, Oh, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Words and Music by St. Francis of Assisi and William Henry Draper

The Lord's Word

The Bible (from 'papyrus, scroll'), consists of the books of the Old Testament (Law, Prophets, and Writings) and the New Testament (Gospels, Acts, Letters, and Revelation). The Scriptures are God's words – his powerful, authoritative self-expression and revelation. The prose and poetry of the various genres of the Bible tell the story of God's redeeming love for the world, making us "wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ... thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3). Listen to God's voice calling, shaping, energizing, and directing his church in her mission to bless the world and build the kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6).

First New Testament Lesson

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-19; 32; 54-58.

1Co 15:1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.

No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all others.

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1Co 15: 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,
“Let us eat and drink,
for tomorrow we die.”

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1Co 15: 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second New Testament Lesson

A reading from Romans 8:18-32.

Ro 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Teaching

Series: This Changes Everything
Title: Hope - Paul

The Lord's Supper

The signature celebratory feast of Christians has many names: the Love Feast, the Freedom Meal, the Bread Breaking, the Lord's Supper, Communion (from 'sharing'), the Eucharist (from 'thank you'), and the Mass (from 'Go, you are sent out'). This adaptation of the Jewish Passover has always been a common, shared, joyous family meal for those who follow Jesus, looking back to his once-for-all sacrificial death and looking forward to his return. When we celebrate the feast we commune with the risen Lord Jesus who stands as our host to offer forgiveness, healing, and life; we also commune with one another, participating together in the reconciling grace of God.

We invite all who follow Jesus to partake of the Lord's Supper – Christians who confess the faith, are at peace with God and neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not yet a Christian, or if you are a Christian who is not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage your prayerful observation in the hopes that you may consider your relationship with Jesus and with his church.

The order of our celebration follows the four actions Jesus performed with the bread and wine when he gathered his disciples around the table: he took, he blessed, he broke, and he gave.

"He Took"

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

- *The Christian church has historically taken up alms for the poor, weak, and needy during worship.*
- *Christians offer a sacrificial portion of their resources -time, talents, treasures - as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace, which enables the church to continue doing God's work in the church, the city, and the world.*
- *Those who are not Christians should feel under no compulsion to give; your presence is a good gift to us.*
- *Many members and regular attenders give tithes and special offerings through automatic bill payment via bank check; your bank will gladly set that up for you. Checks for the offering may be made payable to Christ Church. All gifts are tax deductible with receipts issued at the conclusion of the tax year.*

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Words: Edward Mote, 1834, Music: William Bradbury, 1863, Arrangement Eric Gilbert 2009

Prayers of the People

As we prepare to come to Jesus in the feast of the Lord's Supper, we also bring the church, the city, and the world before the throne and table of our King. We pray together with one heart and mind, agreeing with the prayers offered, and adding our own silent prayers.

Confession of Sin

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Silence is kept for private confession of sin.

Let us humbly confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Confession of Faith

Let us confess our faith from The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

and 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, dead, and buried.

He descended to the dead.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God

the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
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.

“He Blessed and Broke”

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
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!

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

As our Savior taught us, so we pray,
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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

“He Gave”

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

- *You may come by rows, beginning with the front row, to receive Holy Communion. Eat the bread when you are ready and hold onto the cup (red wine or white grape juice) so we can drink it together as a symbol of our unity in Christ.*
- *Those who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come to the servers to receive a blessing. You may fold your arms*

- across your chest to indicate that you will not receive bread and wine.*
- *Please place your communion cups in the recycle bin in the back of the worship space at the conclusion of the service.*

Prayers During Communion

Prayer for Truth

God, if you are real and you care about me, please show up in my life. Give me understanding of mind and experience of heart to know who you are, who I am, and what life in this world is about. If Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life," then I need you to persuade me. If it is true that "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again," then give me faith. Amen.

Prayer for Repentance and 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 Renouncing Sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to be poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, and pure in heart. Grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the bread of life. Enable me to love you with my whole heart and love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

Prayer for Renewal and Commitment

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

Come Weary Souls

Come weary souls, with sin distressed,
Come and accept the promised rest;
The gospel's gracious call obey,
And cast your gloomy fears away.

Refrain:

Here mercy's boundless ocean flows,
To cleanse your guilt and sin;
Pardon, and life, and endless peace;
How rich the gift, how free the grace!

Oppressed with guilt (a painful load),
O come and spread your woes abroad,
Divine compassion, mighty love,
Will all the painful load remove.

Dear Savior, let thy powerful love
Confirm our faith, our fears remove;
Forgiveness shed through every breast,
And guide us to eternal rest.

Text: Anne Steele (1716-1778); Music: Karl Diggerness, 2005

Communion Prayer

Let us give thanks to God.

**Gracious God, illumine our hearts
with the radiance of Christ's presence through this sacrament.**

Dwell in us that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world.
Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor,
to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors.
Keep us faithful in your service until you come again,
that we may joyfully proclaim the story of your redeeming love
through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Surrender

I'm giving You my heart
And all that is within
I lay it all down
For the sake of You my King
I'm giving You my dreams
I'm laying down my rights
I'm giving up my pride
For the promise of new life

Chorus

And I surrender
All to You all to You
And I surrender
All to You all to You

I'm singing You this song
I'm waiting at the cross
And all the world holds dear
I count it all as loss
For the sake of knowing You
The glory of Your name
To know the lasting joy
Even sharing in Your pain
Marc James © 2000 Vineyard Songs

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

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
And also with you.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Those who regularly worship with us may help us recycle the outer worship folder by placing them in the re-use bin in the back.

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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.

Who are you?

If you are new to Christ Church, we would like to know who you are so we can help you get involved in the life of our church. Please help us by 1) filling out a Connection Card and giving it to a pastor; 2) emailing Jose@christchurchberkeley.org or 3) texting your name and email address to 510-295-5348.

Connection at Christ Church - Saturday, June 27, 5-8pm

If you are new to Christ Church, 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 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. Please RSVP on the website as soon as you know you can come, and we respectfully ask that you RSVP at least one week out from the event so we can prepare for the appropriate number.

Newcomer Groups

Newcomer Groups are for those who have already attended Connection at Christ Church. They meet on Sundays for one hour over the course of six weeks. The pastors lead these groups in order to foster relationships among those who are new to Christ Church, to explore the vision and mission of the church, and to help you know how to become more involved. Please contact Jose Figueroa to RSVP for the next Connection: jose@christchurchberkeley.org.

This week at Christ Church

Sign up on our home page for "This Week at Christ Church," a weekly or bi-weekly email about upcoming events in the life of our community. You may unsubscribe at any time.

Upcoming Events

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

Curious? - Sundays, Apr 19 through May 10, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

Curious? is a conversation designed for those who are exploring spirituality, investigating Christianity or new to the Christian faith. It meets several times per year and is led by the pastoral staff of Christ Church. The next installment of Curious? will take place the first four Sundays after Easter. The basis of our discussion will be N.T. Wright's book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*, which we will have on sale through the Easter season at reduced cost (\$10).

April 19: Resurrection: What in the world happened to Jesus?

April 26: Resurrection: What will happen to me and the world?

May 3: Afterlife: Heaven, Hell, and other Small Matters

May 10: Purpose: Are Christians on a mission from God to make me miserable?

Curious? Online

Please help us get Curious? online. Each week we will post the conversation guides and questions online, and we hope that you will dialogue with others both before and after the Sunday conversation. Please visit the following link to sign-up: curiousinthebayarea.ning.com.

Battle of the Salsa Bands - Saturday, May 2, 7:30-10:30pm

A party at the Gaia Arts Center to benefit Project Peace East Bay - Featuring: Josh Jones & His Latin Jazz Orchestra! Tickets cost \$20 (includes one free drink, food, music, and salsa dance lessons!). Please RSVP at www.projectpeaceeastbay.org. We are also looking for volunteers to help at this event. If interested, please email Faith Gong, faith@projectpeaceeastbay.org.

Right Path Seminar - Saturday, May 16, 9-12pm

In this online assessment suite and community learning environment, you will find deeper answers to the questions, "Who am I? Where am I going? How am I going to get there?" The assessment tools will help you explore your passions, skills, behaviors, values, life purpose, and goals. The seminar, led by Jerry Mabe, president and CEO of Right Path, will help you put the puzzle pieces together. Register on the Christ Church website and join us at College Avenue Presbyterian Church (5951 College Ave, Oakland, 94618).

Wine Tasting Benefiting Project Peace - Saturday, May 16, 6:30-8:30pm

The Cornerstone community (40+) is sponsoring a wine tasting to benefit Project Peace (www.projectpeaceeastbay.org). A wide variety of wonderful wines will be poured and served with hors d'oeuvres, bread and cheese in a beautiful outdoor setting overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay (Crestmont Terrace - 451 Crestmont Dr., Oakland 94619). The cost will be \$50 per person with a charitable contribution receipt issued from Project Peace. The event is limited to 40 people so please RSVP as soon as possible on the Christ Church website at www.christchurchberkeley.org.

One Church, One Book - During Easter

Join with our community as we read *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* (2008) by N.T. Wright, Bishop of Durham, former Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, and leading New Testament scholar. We will discuss the book in Curious? and/or at the end of the Easter Season on Sunday, May 17 after the worship services. You may purchase a copy from the resource table. If you cannot read the whole book, skip to the final chapter.

Early Church History - Beginning Sunday, May 24

What happened after Jesus ascended and the Holy Spirit descended? Does the history and tradition of the early church have anything to do with us today? Join us for a 6-week survey of the history of the church from Pentecost to the Council of Nicea and beyond. This one-hour class, taught by Jonathan St. Clair, will meet following the worship services.

Talent Assessment for Worship Arts - Saturday, June 20, 9-12pm

If you are an instrumentalist, vocalist, visual artist, or performing artist who is currently not involved in ministry at Christ Church, we invite you to sign up for a 20 minute time slot at College Avenue Presbyterian Church to see how your gifts and talents might best be employed. This relaxed environment with Eric Gilbert, Pastor of Worship Arts, is designed for him to get to know you briefly and vice versa. Instrumentalists and vocalists will have opportunity to either 1) perform a prepared piece you would like to sing or play, or 2) let Eric choose something for you to perform with a lead sheet, chord chart, sheet music, or by ear. Visual and performing artists may bring any work or representation you wish, or may simply discuss creative possibilities for involvement in worship services. Please speak to Eric after the service or sign-up at eric@christchurchberkeley.org.

Vocare - Sunday, June 28, 6:30-8:30

Vocare is Latin for "calling." Our vocations are not incidental but integral to who we are as human beings. Join us as we explore the purpose, meaning, and significance of the work of our hands. Tables will be organized according to vocation (legal, medical/healing, technology, the arts, homemaking, etc.). We suggest that you complete the Right Path assessment and attend the Right Path seminar in preparation for these conversations. Conversations will involve a spiritual dimension, though any and all friends are welcome to attend. Please ask questions or RSVP to bart@christchurchberkeley.org. We will meet in the Coffee Room immediately following evening worship (5951 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618). Dinner will be served at a cost of \$7.00 per person; childcare will not be provided.

Looking for Others in Your Season of Life?

Mom's Group - Wednesdays, 10-11:30am

Join us on Wednesdays as we alternate book discussions (College Avenue Presbyterian Church) and park play days (Willard Park). Please contact Hee Won Kim with any questions at heewonwang@yahoo.com or (510)735-7577.

RUF at Cal - Thursdays, 7-8:15pm

Are you a student? Trying to figure out what Christianity is about? Looking for a place to grow in your faith? We'd love for you and your friends to join us. We meet in the multi-purpose room at Westminster House (Bancroft and College). For more info contact our campus minister, Brent Webster (bwebster@ruf.org, 415-317-7111) or visit our website: www.rufcal.org.

Cornerstone (40+) - TBD

Graduate Students & Young Professionals - TBD

Weekly Worship

Morning Prayer - 7:15 to 7:45am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Join us for morning prayer based on a simple structure of The Book of Common Prayer. 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 94704) and St. Clairs home (Thursdays - 5945 Keith Avenue, Oakland 94618).

Neighborhood Groups

Joining a Neighborhood Group (15 weeks) is the best way to connect with other people at Christ Church and explore what it means to love God and neighbor. 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, discuss the Sunday scripture and sermon, strategize creative ways to love our neighbors, and pray together. Please visit our Google map on the website to sign up for a Neighborhood Group nearest to you.

Next Teaching in this Series "This Changes Everything"

Title: Love - Peter

Text: Deuteronomy 12:1-7, John 21.

Teaching Notes

Community Groups and Leaders

Please contact community@christchurchberkeley.org with questions or visit the Google map on our website to sign up for a group and find addresses and directions.

Neighborhood Groups

Albany, Wed@7:00pm	Doug & Anita Scribner
Alameda, Thu@7:00pm	Brian & Samantha Lee
Berkeley Flats, Wed@7:00pm	Kyle & Diane Smith
Downtown Berkeley, Thu@7:30pm	Jack & Sandra Dunkle
Emeryville, Wed@7:00pm	Sini Thomas
Lake Merritt, Thu@7:30pm	Ricky Shin, Stu Rentz
North Berkeley, Wed@7:30pm	Erick & Faith Gong
Piedmont, Thu@6:30pm	Brian & Jen McKillips
Rockridge 1, Tue@7:00pm	Sims & Kate Key
Rockridge 2, Thu@7:00pm	Ben & Elaine Jun
Rockridge 3, Tue@7:00pm	Wes & Adrienne Selke

San Francisco, Wed@7:30pm Steve & Anna Liu
Walnut Creek/Concord, Thu@7:00pm Ruben & Lisa Quinones

Season of Life

Graduate Students	Stu Rentz
& Young Professionals	
Cornerstone (40+)	Kyle & Diane Smith
Moms	Hee Won Kim

Ministry Coordinators

Please contact service@christchurchberkeley.org if you desire to serve in these ministries.

Community Life	Adrienne Selke
Hospitality	Diane Smith
Sunday Operations	Alex Burns (Berkeley), Jim Churm (Rockridge)
Audio/Visual Teams	John McGlinchey (Berkeley), Gabriel Eriksson (Rockridge)

Staff

Please contact office@christchurchberkeley.org to schedule an appointment with a pastor or to submit prayer requests, questions, or concerns for the Christ Church staff.

Rev. Bart Garrett	Lead Pastor
Rev. Jonathan St. Clair	Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Jose Figueroa	Pastor of Community Development
Rev. Eric Gilbert	Pastor of Worship Arts
Rev. Brent Webster	Pastor of Students (RUF at UC Berkeley)
Ann Elliston	Co-Director of Children's Ministry (Berkeley)
Emily George	Co-Director of Children's Ministry (Rockridge)
Kate Key	Administrator, Finance, Events
Anita Sunraj	Administrator, Office Manager

Weekly Pastoral Office Hours

Do you have questions or concerns about the Christian faith in general or your spiritual life in particular? Do you have questions or concerns about the vision and mission of Christ Church or about the ins and outs of church operations (i.e. leadership, finances, affiliations, etc.)? The pastors of Christ Church are available to listen and dialogue during the following times; Please email us ahead of time to let us know you are coming.

Bart - Wednesdays, 2-4:30pm at Beanery Coffee

Jonathan - Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 at Cole Coffee

Jose - Thursdays, 9-12pm at Cafe Strada

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