

Christ Church
Fifth Sunday After Easter
May 17, 2009
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

Gathering and Reflecting

“Religious thinking, believing, feeling are among the most deceptive activities of the human spirit. We often assume it is God we believe in, but in reality it may be a symbol of personal interests that we dwell upon. We may assume that we feel drawn to God, but in reality it may be a power within the world that is the object of our adoration. We may assume it is God we care for, but it may be our own ego that we are concerned with. To examine our religious existence is therefore, a task to be performed constantly.”

- *God in Search of Man* by Abraham Heschel

Don Quixote: Dost not see? A monstrous giant of infamous repute whom I intend to encounter.

Sancho Panza: It's a windmill.

Don Quixote: A giant. Canst thou not see the four great arms whirling at his back?

Sancho Panza: A giant?

Don Quixote: Exactly.

- *Man of La Mancha* (movie) 1972

Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jonathan St. Clair

Today's Teaching Pastor: Jose Figueroa

Call to Worship - Psalm 66:1-7, 16-20

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Shout for joy to God,
all the earth!

**Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.**

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name.”**

Come and see what God has done,
his awesome deeds for humankind!

**He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.**

He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!

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

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Chorus
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness
And mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty will do,
If, with His love, He befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
gladly for e're we adore Him.

*Text: Joachim Neander, 1863; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863. Music: William S. Bennett, 1864.
Chorus arr. - Nathan and Christy Nockels*

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

Confession of Sin

Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to that person; then come and offer your gift."

Silence is kept for private confession of sin.

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

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Adoration

Welcoming One Another

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

Gloria Patri

Glory be to God the Father,
and to Christ His only Son;
praise we too the Holy Spirit,
binding all the Church as one:
As it was in the beginning,
is for now and evermore.

Amen!

Gloria Patri, 2nd cent., Lyrics Adapted by Carlton Young, 1973

Music by Eric Gilbert ©2009

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).

Old Testament Lesson

A reading from Isaiah 53:2-12.

Isa 53:2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by others,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised,
and we held him in low esteem.

4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though
the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13-35.

Lk 24:13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him.

17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Teaching

Series: Partying With Jesus
Title: Partying with the Disillusioned

Confession of Faith

Let us confess our faith from The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

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

- *We offer our gifts in gratitude and faith in response to God's gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.*
- *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.*

My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love Thee in life I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now
William R. Featherstone, 1864; Public domain

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.

“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, is 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.

Communion Prayer

Let us give thanks to God.

O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
We thank You for feeding us in this sacrament.
Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills, and our works, in continual gratefulness to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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 - Sunday, May 31, 12pm & 6:30pm

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.

Connection at Christ Church - Saturday, June 27, 5-7:30pm

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.

Newcomer Seminar - Sunday, June 6, 8:30-1pm

If you have been to Connection at Christ Church but have not yet been able to attend a Newcomer Group, we offer a few Newcomer Seminars per year. You must RSVP one week in advance for the seminar, breakfast, and childcare. Please bring \$10 per person to help us cover the costs of printing materials, food, and childcare. We need a minimum of 15 or 20 people sign up to offer the seminar, so please send an email to community@christchurchberkeley.org if you plan on attending.

What is going on 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.

Community Group Survey

If you have NOT participated in a Community Group, it will be especially helpful if you would take 10 minutes to complete this survey. Those who have been in a Community Group, your feedback will directly impact the way we plan for Fall 2009. You will find the survey on the home page of our website. Many thanks!

One Church, One Book - Sunday, May 17, 6:30pm

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 at the end of the Easter Season on Sunday, May 17 after the evening worship service. 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.

Marriage Enrichment - Thursdays for 6 weeks, beginning June 4, 6-8pm

Single? Nearly married? Newly married? Lost track of how long you have been married? Whether you are currently single, or you are in a strong relationship and want to make it even better, or you are having difficulties and need help, we hope this introductory seminar will enrich your marriage and help your relationship attain its highest potential. The Art and Science of Love is a groundbreaking workshop via DVD format, in which leading relationship experts Drs. John and Julie Gottman teach powerful information and tools for building and maintaining a loving and successful relationship. Read more at www.gottman.com/marriage/video_workshop. We will meet at College Avenue Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$30 per couple for materials and childcare. Please RSVP on the Christ Church website.

Day of Peace - Saturday, June 6, 9-12pm

Join us for our next Day of Peace. You may choose from two projects to serve the local community. Clean and beautify the buildings and grounds at Oakland's Claremont Middle School, OR remove invasive plant species along the shoreline at Berkeley Aquatic Park. Snacks and drinks, tools and gloves will be provided; wear your work clothes! RSVP on the Project Peace Website (www.projectpeaceeastbay.org). A great morning for inviting friends! For more information, email dayofpeace@projectpeaceeastbay.org. NOTE: Both sites are family friendly; no childcare provided, but supervised children welcome.

Summer Book Study and Support Group for Women

Join us for a 12-week study of Dan Allender's book *The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims of Childhood Sexual Abuse*. While this book was written primarily for victims of sexual abuse, it is also immeasurably helpful for those healing from emotional, verbal, and physical abuse, no matter how minor or seemingly insignificant it has been in your life. This group is intended to be a safe haven for women to be encouraged to move out of shame and bondage and into joy and freedom. Please contact Laura Figueroa for more information: laurabfig@gmail.com. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence. Time and place TBD.

June Book Group - *Descent into Hell* by Charles Williams

Charles Williams was a member of the Inklings, the group of creative Oxford Christians of the 1930s and 1940s that included C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. The key to William's mystically oriented theological thought, *Descent into Hell* (arguably his greatest novel) is a multidimensional story about human beings who shut themselves up in their own narcissistic projections, so that they are no longer able to love, to "co-inhere." The result is a veritable hell. Contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org if you are interested in this discussion.

We Need You

Summer Teachers for Children's Church

We are in need of Children's Church teachers for the summer. The commitment is for one Sunday per month: June, July, and August. You will be provided with curriculum and training; minimal preparation is involved. Please let Ann Elliston know if you are interested in teaching a class or being a substitute: ann@christchurchberkeley.org

Host a Community Group for Fall 2009

Do you have an apartment or house that will comfortably accommodate 8-12 people? Would you be willing to host a Community Group from mid-September through mid-December? This typically amounts to 3-4 nights a month. If you are able and willing, please contact jonathan@christchurchberkeley.org.

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.

Cornerstone (40+) - Monthly Gathering

These monthly gatherings are for folks 40+ who want foster relationships and think creatively about investing in the broader community. Please contact Kyle Smith with questions at kylesmith@earthlink.net.

Graduate Students & Young Professionals - Monthly Gathering

These monthly gatherings are for professionals and students who want to explore the Bay Area and connect with people at Christ Church and the broader community. Please contact Stu Rentz with questions at stuartrentz@yahoo.com.

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 the New Series "Ascension"

Title: This Mission

Text: Acts 1

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.

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

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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