

Christ Church
Pentecost
May 31, 2009
10:30am Berkeley, 5:00pm Rockridge

Gathering and Reflecting

“Without Pentecost, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from his fruit, and no effective witness without his power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.”

-John Stott, Acts: The Bible Speaks Today.

Prelude

Today's Worship Pastor: Jonathan St. Clair
Today's Teaching Pastor: Bart Garrett

Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-5 & 19-22

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,

**who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.**

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

**Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the Lord, my soul.**

Invitacion Fountain

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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How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

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 Genesis 11:1-9.

Ge 11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower they were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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

Confession of Sin

God, I have shirked your authority,
and chosen my autonomy.
Lord, have mercy.

God, I have constructed my identity upon transient values
and I have built my security upon temporal foundations.
Christ, have mercy.

God, I have manufactured my holiness before you
and fabricated my concern for others.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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*

Gospel Lesson

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 16:4-15.

Jn 16:4 I have told you this, so that when their hour comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because people do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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

Lord, Let Your Glory Fall

Lord, let Your glory fall
As on that ancient day
Songs of enduring love
And then Your glory came
And as a sign to You
That we would love the same
Our hearts will sing that song
God, let Your glory come

Chorus

You are good, You are good
And Your love endures
You are good, You are good
And Your love endures today

Voices in unison
Giving You thanks and praise
Joined by the instruments
And then Your glory came
Your presence like a cloud
Upon that ancient day
The priests were overwhelmed
Because Your glory came

A sacrifice was made
And then your fire came
They knelt upon the ground
And with one voice they praised

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New Testament Lesson

A reading from Acts 2:1-24; 36-41

Ac 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

22 "People of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

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36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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

Teaching

Series: Pentecost
Title: The Means of this Mission

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.*

Rest Upon Us

My soul is weary and my cup is dry
And I am so in need of You
Though my righteousness is rags
Your mercies are new

so Lord come now to me,
so my heart can see
how encompassing your grace can be

Chorus

Holy Spirit, Rest upon us
Breath of God, touch my soul
Come unfailing love of Jesus
Rest upon us, Rest upon us

My mind is heavy and my days are long
I lift my eyes up in the night
My heart, it weighs me down
But my burden is light

Lord, come walk with me
Till my heart believes
All the bounties that Your grace can bring

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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.

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"

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.

“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.
Gracious God,
you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us into the city, O God,
with compassion and peace
to love and serve You.
Amen.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
Words and Music by John Newton, John P. Rees and Edwin Othello Excell

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

Rev 7:9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

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!

Early Church History - Sundays, May 24 to June 28

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.

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.). 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.

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.

Help with Summer Sunday Operations

With many people traveling during the summer, we need extra hands to setup, serve, and breakdown during Sunday worship. Please show up in Berkeley at 9am and in Rockridge at 3:45pm and we will put you to work. Thank you!

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 kylebsmith@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).

Community Group - Taking a break for the Summer

Joining a Community 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. During the fall and spring, these groups of 8-14 people meet in apartments and homes throughout the Bay Area during the week to pray and help one another love God and neighbor. Please visit our Google map on the website to sign up for a Neighborhood Group nearest to you.

Next Teaching in the Series "Partying With Jesus"

Title: Partying with the Damaged
Text: Luke 7:36-50

Teaching Notes

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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