



Service of Worship & Annual Meeting of the Congregation

First Presbyterian Church of Petaluma, January 29, 2023

PRELUDE

Jenny Smith, Jane Shelly

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Pearce

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is God's faithfulness.

We will sing of God's steadfast love forever.

**We will proclaim God's faithfulness
to all generations.**

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Holy God, ever faithful to your promises,
and ever close to your church –
Be close to us now, your sons and your daughters,

those whom you see, and hear, and have called by name.
Move among us, inspire our worship, challenge us with your truth,
and equip us for service in your world.
In this time of silence, prepare our hearts for worship.

SONG

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

CONFSSION AND PARDON

Susan Pearce

Let us confess our sins to God,
whose loving-kindness endures forever.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. People of God, hear the Good News:
The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

THE OFFERING

Pastor John

*DOXOLOGY (*or in your preferred version*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been though forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is they faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*chorus*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*chorus*)

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of thanksgiving and petition may be offered, followed by:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (or in your preferred version)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CHARGE**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

From where we are
to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,

Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

***CLOSING SONG** *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

[short intermission]

[3 minute break]

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

MINUTES of November 20, 2022 Congregational Meeting of (available upon request)

2022 ANNUAL REPORT — Pastor John Chase

2022 BUDGET REPORT — Shawn Dooley, Budget & Finance Elder (2022)

2023 BUDGET REPORT

PASTOR COMPENSATION PACKAGE

SPECIAL THANKS RECIPIENT FOR 2022

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER AND SONG

Oh, How Good It Is

Oh how good it is — When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit — In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace — Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence — Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees — The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is — On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy — And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength — The Afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing — Of belonging. (*chorus*)

Oh how good it is — To embrace His command
To prefer one another — Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one — We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father — And the Spirit. (*chorus*)

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Susan Pearce, Music Director Jane Shelly,
Accompanist Jenny Smith, Grete Hansen

Credits

Art: The photo on the front cover was taken the week of our Give and Get Children's Gear and Clothing Giveaway days. We were so grateful to have so many volunteers for this incredible event.

Call to Worship from Thom M. Shuman, <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/search?q=Luke+18%3A9-14>

Opening Prayer adapted from *A Collection of Liturgy Resources*, "Opening Prayers and Prayers of Confession" #13, in binder

Closing Response adapted from *A Wee Worship Book, Fourth Incarnation*, 2002, Wild Goose Worship Group, GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, 1999, p. 24, 79.

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