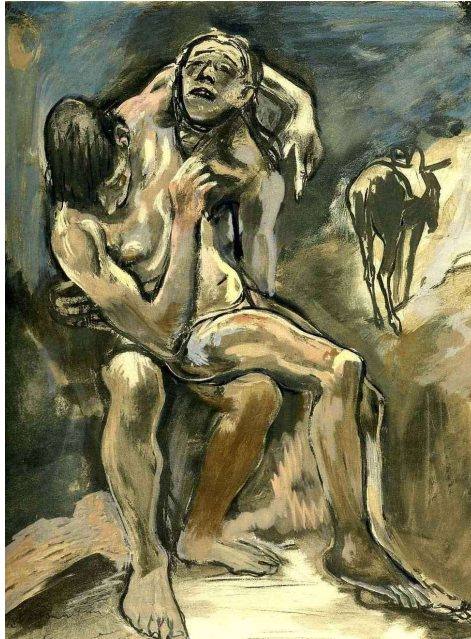


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 19, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



GATHERING CHIMES

PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

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.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Susan Pearce

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God,
In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus,
And who knows by experience what human life is like.

We come with our faith and with our doubts.
We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
And God has promised never to turn us away.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

O God, in our worship today, give us the grace to serve you with courage, that our lives may be a witness to your compassion, and our actions a testimony to your mercy. In this time of silence, prepare our hearts to be transformed by your relentless grace.

*SONG *I Stand Amazed*

I Stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me: a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows. He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. *(chorus)*

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me. *(chorus)*

CONFESSION 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.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Give Us Light

Flute Soloist: Petri Alva

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chega De Saudade

Enrique Rojas, Jane Shelly

***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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

*HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

A LITANY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SUNDAY

God of love, justice, and mercy, you have given us a great cloud of
witnesses, who made the long walk to freedom, and are still
pillars of fire lighting the path today,

For Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Jarena Lee, David Walker, and
all who lived and persevered through times when hope was dim,

We give you thanks and praise.

For Harriet Tubman, Ida Wells-Barnett, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Marcus Garvey, James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson, and all who dreamed the dream and gave it song,

We give you thanks and praise.

For W. E. B. du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Mary Church Terrell, Septima Clark, and all who upheld the dream through times of doubt and sorrow,

We give you thanks and praise.

For James Baldwin, Howard Thurman, Langston Hughes, Mary McLeod Bethune, and all who sustained the dream and gave it voice,

We give you thanks and praise.

For Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Baker, and all who lived the dream,

We give you thanks and praise.

For Paul Robeson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Mahalia Jackson, A. Philip Randolph, Adam Clayton Powell, Pauli Murray, John Hope Franklin, C. Eric Lincoln, and all who have carried the dream forward through times of tragedy and joy.

We give you thanks and praise.

Make us, Lord, a people who cherish the memory of the examples you lay before us; honor the struggle of those who continue to give their lives to make your dream come true; and seek through your Son to make that dream our dream, so that we too may enter the richness of your glory.

Amen

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.

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Susan Pearce, Student Ministries and Events Coordinator Grete Hansen, Music Director Jane Shelly, Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Worship Ensemble, Choir, Petri Alva (flute), Enrique Rojas (guitar)

Credits

Art: "The Good Samaritan," by Edouard Léon Louis Edy-Lagrang, 1950.

Call to Worship Adapted from Kathy Galloway, *The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community*, 33.

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