



OAKLAND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROOTED IN CHRIST

Glorify God · Make Disciples · Change the World

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 A.M.



MATTHEW
13:45 and 46

AGAIN, the
kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant seeking

BEAUTIFUL PEARLS,

WHO, when he had found

one pearl of great price,
went and sold all that he had, *& bought it.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Song of Hope

Iouri Grichetchkine

Welcome and Announcements

WE APPROACH GOD

Introit (No. 469 Blue)

Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon

Call to Worship

L: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God....

P: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.

L: Day by day, and night by night....

P: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

L: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

P: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN

*Hymn (No 150 Blue)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Christian Henry Bateman

*Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious Lord, we have trouble making the most, and getting the most, of your good gifts. Instead of being content, we grasp for more. Instead of being grateful, we complain. Instead of celebrating the blessing of others', we get jealous and demanding. We truly do not deserve the gifts you give us, yet we continue to overflow with your love, mercy and provision. In your Holy Spirit, equip us to be better stewards of your grace, and let it multiply in our lives and the lives of others. In Jesus' name. (*Time of Silent Confession*)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Acts of Praise

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be: How marvelous!

How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

*Passing of Peace

Anthem

Lord, Give Us Grace

Carter

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Tiffany Goggans, D.C.E.

Children ages 3 through grade 2 may now exit the sanctuary for children's church

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 13: 44-48

Sermon Mythbusters Part 4: Being a Christian means giving up fun and following rules.
Rev. Craig M. Sumey

*Hymn (No. 391 Blue) *Take My Life* Frances Ridley Havergal

*Affirmation of Faith - based on John 16: 20-24

We believe that while there may be weeping and sorrow, we still have reason to rejoice. While we may be sad and troubled, you turn our sorrow into joy. We believe there will come a day when we will see you again, Lord Jesus, and our hearts will rejoice, and nothing will take our joy from us. Until that time, we know we can ask anything, and we will receive, that our joy may be full. We believe this knowledge gives us deep and abiding peace, as Jesus has promised: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND DEDICATION

Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer*

Pastoral Prayer

Response to Prayer *7-Fold Amen*

Offering *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome* Rambo/Huntsinger

*Doxology

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.* Robert L. Edwards

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (The Lord's Prayer)

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **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.**

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People *(Please eat and drink when you are ready)*

The Prayer After Communion

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*Hymn (No. 665 Brown) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Washington Gladden

Benediction

*Congregational Response Jeremiah Eames Rankin
*God be with you til we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you.
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you til we meet again.*

Postlude *Praise Him! Praise Him!* Lyndell Leatherman
**Those who are able may stand when led to do so by worship leaders.*

Serving Today:

Director of Music: Jennifer Hunt
Accompanist: Diane Flagler
Lay Reader: Lee Lombardy
Tech: Travis Nornhold



The flowers on display in worship this morning are in celebration of Craig & Lynn Sumey's anniversary.