

NOE VALLEY MINISTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**"YOU KNOW THAT AMONG THE
GENTILES THOSE WHOM THEY
RECOGNIZE AS THEIR RULERS LORD IT
OVER THEM, AND THEIR GREAT ONES
ARE TYRANTS OVER THEM. BUT IT IS
NOT SO AMONG YOU; BUT WHOEVER
WISHES TO BECOME GREAT AMONG
YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT."**

MARK 10:42-43

SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 17, 2021

~ WE GATHER TOGETHER ~

Prelude

Gradius ad Parnassum
Lindsay Rader, piano

C. Debussy

*Call to Worship

Irene Kaufman

O God our God, how great you are!
You are clothed with honor and majesty.
 O God, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all.
 You make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind.
 You make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.
 Let us bless God in our worship.

From Psalm 105

*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,
 3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions, old and young,
 5. Should the treats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with - draw in pain,



Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead ing where the ea - gles soar, We your peo ple,



ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

*Prayer of Praise

We gather in worship, O God of rainbow and fiery pillar, to be lead where eagles soar, for we are your pilgrim people journeying on into new dimensions, now and forevermore. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

~ WE PRAY TOGETHER ~

Prayer of Need

Compassionate God, you have shown your great love to us by coming to us in the form of a Servant. You call us to serve, even as we have been served; yet, we put our own interests first, and turn away from the needs of others. We are prone to trample over others and elbow our way to places of honor, scarcely noticing the violence of our ways.

Show us your mercy, and forgive us. Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may show our love for you by showing tenderness and humility in our relationship to one another. Enable us to lay down our lives for Christ's sake. Amen.

Silence/Ringing of the Gong

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Song

I've Got Peace Like a River

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "I've got peace like a ri-ver, I've got peace like a ri-ver, I've got peace like a ri-ver in my soul. I've got peace like a ri-ver, I've got peace like a ri-ver, I've got peace like a ri-ver in-a my soul." The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes.

~ WE LISTEN TO THE WORD ~

Prayer for Illumination

Carol De Francis

Soften our hearts, attune our ears, and open our minds to your Word for us this day. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 104:1-9

Anthem

Simple Gifts

arr. A. Copland

NVM Choir; Lindsay Rader, Director

Scripture Mark 10:35-45

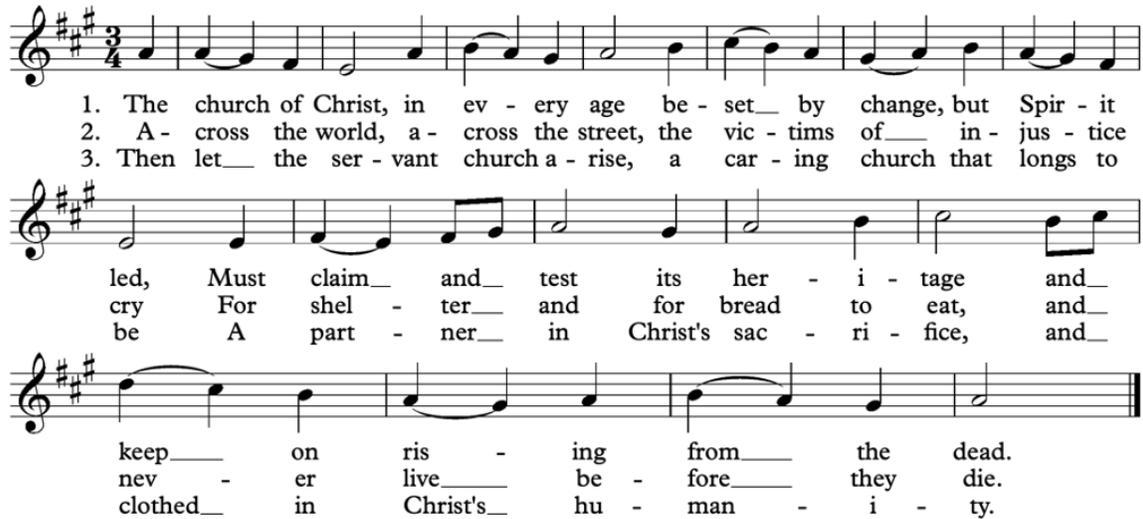
Sermon

“The Tyranny of Power”

Rev. Brown

*Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1. The church of Christ, in ev - ery age be - set by change, but Spir - it
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims of in - jus - tice
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing church that longs to
led, Must claim and test its her - i - tage and
cry For shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and
keep on ris - ing from the dead.
nev - er live be - fore they die.
clothed in Christ's hu - man i - ty.

~ WE RESPOND TO THE WORD ~

Reception of New Members

Presentation

On behalf of the session, I present Prashant Savanagouder who has been received into membership by profession of faith.

Personal Introduction

Prashant Savanagouder introduced by Brian Orr

Sentence of Scripture Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Profession of Faith

Sisters and brothers in Christ, based on the one hope of our calling, we today welcome into the life and ministry of Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church Prashant Savanagouder. Together we are the people of God in this place proclaiming one faith. So with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Apostle's Creed (Inclusive Version)

I believe in God, the Creator almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Commitment

Prashant, you have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you?

I will, with God's help

Do we, the members of Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church, agree to support and encourage Prashant to be fully involved as a member of this community and help him fulfill his calling to be disciples of Jesus Christ? Do we?

We do.

Prayer

Welcome

Let us welcome Prashant as he joins with us in the worship and mission of this church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the Present. From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen.

Response through Giving

This is an opportunity to show your gratitude for God's blessings and love, and to provide tangible tools for the work of this church.

Offertory

Prelude No. 1

C. Schumann

Lindsay Rader, piano

*Presentation of Gifts



Praise God from whom all_ bless - ings_ flow, Praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low, Praise Ho - ly Spir - it,___ Com - for - er,
One God, Tri - une, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

May we open our hearts and offer our gifts to others so, that as the hungry are fed, the homeless are housed, the grieving are comforted, and the lost are led home, may they bring healing to your heart which breaks at all the brokenness in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

~ WE DEPART TO SERVE ~

*Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face.
The ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive hearts reach - ing,
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,
shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give
work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
hon - or to Christ and that name that we bear.

*Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in B flat
Lindsay Rader, piano

J.S. Bach

Meeting of the Congregation

Call to Order/Prayer

Motion from the Session

Motion: The Session presents the following slate of nominees for Nominating Committee:

Yvonne Keene

Dawn Summers

Rationale: At the January 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting the Nominating Committee did not present any nominees for Nominating Committee, as there were no prospects at that time for this committee. It was noted that a slate of nominees would be presented by session to be voted on by the congregation at a later date. Now is that time because the Nominating Committee needs to put together a slate of nominees for Elder and Deacon to be presented at the January 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Adjournment/Prayer

Volunteer Appeal Presentation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, October 17

A short meeting after worship to elect a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will put together a slate of candidates for Elder and Deacon positions that will then be voted on at the annual congregational meeting in January, 2022.

Racial Justice Team

The Team would like to invite you to join in this important work of our church. The next meeting is **October 28 at 7pm** (Zoom). For more information contact Jeanne Choy Tate at choytate@gmail.com; Brian Orr briguyoorr@gmail.com; Cindy Cake sfcake@gmail.com; Susan Olney susanolney@hotmail.com.

Grace & Reconciliation Worship, November 7

The San Francisco Presbytery West Bay Grace and Reconciliation Project will be introduced in worship.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 10

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

Sunday, October 17

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship
Rev. Brown, preaching
- 11:30 AM Fellowship

Sunday, October 24

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship
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Thursday, October 28

- 7:00 PM Racial Justice Team Meeting
Via Zoom

Church Meetings & Activities

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Morning, 9-10am

Care Committee

TBD

Worship Committee

Weeknight via Zoom, TBD

Session

4th Tuesday, 7:00pm

Building Committee

2nd Tuesday, 7:00pm

Racial Justice Team

October 28, 7:00pm

VOLUNTEERS

October 10

- Coffee Hour Set-up Debbie Atencio-Baioni
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up Kay Coleman
- Liturgist Kay Coleman
- Scripture Reader Irene Kaufman

October 17

- Coffee Hour Set-up
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist Irene Kaufman
- Scripture Reader Carol De Francis

October 24

- Coffee Hour Set-up
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist/Scripture

October 31

- Coffee Hour Set-up
- Greeter/Vax Check
- Clean-up
- Liturgist/Scripture

OFFERING COUNTERS

- Oct 10 Marcela Breton
- Oct 17 Brian Orr
- Oct 24 Cindy Cake
- Oct 31 Jeanne Choy Tate

Our Vision

Noe Valley Ministry is a welcoming, inclusive community of faith, inviting seekers into deepening relationships with God and Christ, with each other and the community.

Our Mission

- ☞ Celebrate God's presence and the goodness of creation in worship that embraces tradition, the arts and the needs of a changing world.
- ☞ Nurture a diverse, intergenerational family of faith, sustained by spiritual practices, informed in faith, and committed to service.
- ☞ Create "A House of Prayer, a House of Community" where the congregation and building provide a welcoming, sacred place of hospitality for all.
- ☞ Engage the congregation and community in opportunities for service, social action, and dialogue with a diversity of cultures and faiths.

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Rev. David Brown, *Pastor*

Christine Tawadrous, *Administrative Dir.*

Lindsay Rader, *Director of Music*

Cindy Cake, *Treasurer*

SESSION~

Brian Orr, *Clerk of Session*

Marcela Breton

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Jeanne Choy Tate

Susan Olney

CARE COMMITTEE~

Janelle Smith, *Moderator*

Ramona Lee

Ray Springs

Carol De Francis

David Brown