

**PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”*

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**GATHERING ...**

Gathering Music  
The Ringing of the Bell  
Words of Welcome

**PREPARING ...**

**Prelude**      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing      JOHN LONGHURST

**\*Call to Worship**      Ashia Stoess

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**People: God has given us new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**People: In this we rejoice, for the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our lives!**

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!**

**\*Hymn 150**      Come, Christians, Join to Sing      MADRID

**Call to Confession and Prayer** (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in deeds of power, signs of wonder, and silent moments. You do not abandon us when we confess the truth about our lives. Too often we put other things before you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of your peace, and joy, and love. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return...

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief.

**People: God hears our cries and questions, and promises to remain in covenant with us.**

Leader: In the name of the Risen One, who came, who comes, and who is to come again, the heavy weight of our doubt is lifted.

**People: We are forgiven and may begin again to love as Christ loves.**

**ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.**

**\*Response, Hymn 106** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks      ALLELUIA NO. 1  
(refrain, stanza 3, refrain)

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**HEARING ...**

**Time for Young Disciples**      Christiaan Faul

**Anthem**      Shut de Do      TOM FETKE

**Scripture**      Acts 5:33-39

**Sermon**      IF IT IS OF GOD      Reverend Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 374**      Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace      DICKINSON COLLEGE  
(Stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

**RESPONDING ...**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

**Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**     Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness     JOHANN CRUGER

**\*Doxology 592**     Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love. Above all we give thanks for the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit that breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection that is possible every day of our lives. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (see insert)

**SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 430**     Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!     DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**Postlude**     The Glory of the Easter Feast     FRANKLIN ASHDOWN

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Food and drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary.

***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...***

All elements of recent services may be heard on our website;

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***“We have found in this church a spiritual home  
where we learn to serve others,  
enjoy and glorify God,  
celebrate differences,  
and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

**Sunday Morning Worship**

April 8, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: We dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

**People: We come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting in God to grant it.**

Leader: We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

**People: We come as Christ's guests to the heavenly banquet.**

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to be thankful and full of praise.**

God, you speak to us in silence and yet every one of our hearts hears and interprets you. Because you call us into community, we are able to become gifts to one another.

**We remember all those called with a vision of possibility and promise for life together with you:**

For Abraham and Sarah, for Isaac and Rebecca, for Moses and Miriam, for Mary and Joseph, for Jesus himself, and for each one of us here in this place, in body or in spirit.

**We invoke now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that in sharing them, we may discern your presence which becomes our common life.**

Sung Response, Hymn No. 580

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.**

We thank you, God, that you have surrounded us with so gentle and powerful a host of witnesses through our scripture.

**We thank you for the models and memories of women and men in our own lives, mothers and fathers, all, who have shown us faith and promise.**

We thank you for the liberation that Christ brought all people and for giving us new life by dying and rising that our life might be more precious to us than death.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 582

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Dying, You destroyed our death;  
Rising, You restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

This broken bread will mean our own healing and wholeness. This outpoured cup will mean our life, because our common sharing will mean the sharing of our souls.

**We give you thanks, God, and pray that our lives may be renewed through the life and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

### THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please wait to partake of the elements until all are served.)

### Prayer After the Sharing (*unison*)

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of the cup, we thank you, O God. For the community you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness, and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.