

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome: Pastor Joel Weible

PREPARING ...

Prelude Voluntary No. 1 WILLIAM BOYCE

***Call to Worship** Ashia Stoess

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God’s teachings.

People: And meditate on them day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted in streams of water.

People: Yielding fruit in due season and their leaves do not wither.

ALL: LET US DELIGHT IN GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn 473** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others’ needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One. 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 Ashia Stoess

Anthem I Shall Know Him ARR. JAMES BATES
The Men’s Quartet

Scripture Acts 11:1-18

Sermon A SURPRISING GOSPEL, A SURPRISING SPIRIT
Shawn Harmon

***Hymn 324** Open My Eyes That I May See OPEN MY EYES

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 Blessed Assurance ARR. ROBERT HOBBY

***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)

Serving Communion: Christiaan Faul, Dan Kinnicutt,
Richard Ray, Annie Weible

Litany of Thanksgiving and Sending for Ashia and Shawn

SENDING ...

***Hymn 386**

O for a World

AZMON

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

ARR. FRANKLIN ASHDOWN

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;
Manuscripts and Audio Podcasts can also be found.
PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org

***“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

May 6, 2018 – 6th 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 OF THANKSGIVING AND LITANY OF SENDING

*** Please see Insert in Bulletin ***