

**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**      Canon in D      JOHANN PACHELBEL

**\*Call to Worship**      Connie Vice

Leader: What does this worship service need?

**People: Quiet where faith can grow, songs that blossom hope, scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle our knotty existence, and gifts offering service to the heart.**

Leader: Who may worship in this service?

**People: All who have prayer in the center of their lives and all who are lonely for the touch of God.**

**ALL: THEN LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**\*Hymn 422**      God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending      BEACH SPRING

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

Loving God, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamors of our world again this week. We have been more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope 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 579**      Glory Be to the Father      GLORIA PATRI

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**HEARING ...**

**◆ Time for Young Disciples**      Rev. Joel Weible

**Anthem**      Feed My Lambs      NATALIE SLEETH

**Scripture**      Song of Solomon 2:8-13

**Sermon**      PERFECT LOVE      Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 533**      O Perfect Love      PERFECT LOVE

**RESPONDING ...**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      The Apostles' Creed      page 14 of Hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offering

Offertory Solfeggietto

C.P.E. BACH

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

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

One and Eternal God of time and space, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are *very* thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (see insert)

Serving Communion: Richard Ray, Myles Scott, Connie Vice, Larry Vice

## SENDING ...

\***Hymn 229** From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\***Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

Postlude All Glory Be to God on High

PAUL MANZ

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\* Please stand, if comfortably able to do so

♦ If needed, through the summer

*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.

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## Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



***“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**

September 2, 2018 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 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 gift 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.