

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now DONALD BUSAROW

***Call to Worship** Ed Staats

Leader: From the ends of the earth, we are gathered together ...

People: The poor, and the rich, the joyful, the sorrowful, the honored, and the despised.

Leader: We are gathered in one community,

People: Reflecting the love and life of God.

ALL: WE HAVE COME FROM MANY WORLDS BUT WE WORSHIP GOD AS ONE!

***Hymn 461** God Is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves seriously, make us patient with our mistakes. Remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: With God, there is no chasm that cannot be bridged, no loss that cannot be recovered, no mistake that cannot be forgiven, and no life that cannot be redeemed.

People: By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven and the ability to begin again is ours.

ALL: GLORY BE TO GOD WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW!

***Response 322** Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Time for Young Disciples Margaret Hill

Anthem Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light J.S. BACH

Scripture Genesis 32: 22-31

Sermon JOINING THE STRUGGLE
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

***Hymn 339** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** from THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice so that all may have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offering

Offertory La Pastorella

ANTONIO VIVALDI

*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.

SENDING ...

*Hymn 435 We All Are One in Mission

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*Charge and Benediction

The Ringing of the Bell

Postlude Alla Hornpipe

G.F. HANDEL

* Please stand, if comfortably able to do so

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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***“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 23, 2018 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost