

# 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**      Ubi Caritas      OLA GJEILO

**\*Call to Worship**      Matt Kingsley  
Leader: As we gather, may the peace of God rest upon our busy lives so that we may be quieted into prayer.

**People:** **May the love of God flow through our worship words that we may become alive with opportunities for service.**

Leader: May the grace of God seek out our every need.

**People:** **And may the restless gospel set our hearts on fire.**

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

**\*Hymn 467**      How Great Thou Art      O STORE GUD  
(stanzas 1 and 2 only)

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

God who loves us, you have always given us what we need. You have taken care of us even when we could not care for ourselves. You have given us breath and life. Why is it that we still doubt you? Why do we still go on our own way, rebelling against you? Why do we persist in doing everything our own way? God, we have hurt ourselves and others by being so fiercely independent. Give us courage enough to place our trust in you. Through the constant presence of the Spirit, hear our silent prayers of return ...

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)*

## **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**      Rev. Joel Weible

**Anthem**      Cherubim Song No. 7      D. BORTNIANSKY

**Scripture**      Mark 7:24-30 and 31-37

**Sermon**      EPHPHATHA      Rev. Joel Weible

## **COMMISSIONING OF OUR TEACHERS AND LEADERS**

**2018-2019** (see insert)

**\*Hymn 288**      I Sing the Mighty Power of God      ELLACOMBE

## 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 I Can Only Imagine

BART MILLARD

\*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 418 God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL

\*Charge and Benediction

The Ringing of the Bell

Postlude Grand Choeur

THEODORE SALOME

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\* 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.

**PeweeValleyPresbyterian.org**

## 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 9, 2018 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost