

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome
Minute for Mission: Finance Team

PREPARING ...

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus CHARLES CONVERSE

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship Lynn Wilkinson

Leader: In the beginning God created all things, declaring them to be good.

People: **When God created women and men, we were given the charge to care for all creation.**

Leader: As God's days of creation ceased, ours began.

People: **Our God-given gifts are to be used to continue God's creative work.**

ALL: **WE GATHER ON THIS MORNING TO GIVE THANKS AND TO SHARE THIS TASK. LET US BEGIN ...**

*Hymn 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering others. Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility. Take away the barriers of self-defense; grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect. Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy, through Christ. In his name, 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.**

Leader: Glory be to God who makes all things new!

People: **Amen.**

*Response 322 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Time for Young Disciples Ashia Stoess

Anthem Sing a New Song to the Lord NATALIE SLEETH

Scripture Luke 21:1-4

Sermon ABUNDANT RAIN: Money Rev. Joel Weible

*Hymn 414 As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

RESPONDING ...

*Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Season (*unison*)

We believe in God, Creator of the Universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of Life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ who reminded us that God's Kingdom is already among us and commanded us to care for those in need. Who taught us not to store up treasures on earth, but to empty ourselves in self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to the faithful stewardship of God's gifts and in whom we live and move and have our being.

We believe that stewardship is an act of worship and a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

