

# PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## GATHERING ...

Gathering Music  
The Ringing of the Bell and Words of Welcome

## PREPARING ...

**Prelude**      I Vow to Thee, My Country      G. HOLST

**\*Call to Worship**      Margaret Hill

One: We gather and sing as an offering of praise.

**All: We gather and sit together because we cannot be Christian alone.**

One: We gather and confess because our world needs honesty.

**All: We gather to give because giving bends our hearts toward gratitude.**

One: We gather to pray because hope needs a voice.

**All: We gather to worship because God alone is worthy of our love.**

**ALL: LET US SING, LET US PRAY, LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

**\*Hymn 561**      My Country 'Tis of Thee      AMERICA

## Call to Confession

Leader: There are not many places in the world where people will stand together to admit the ways they want to be better. But here, in this space, we are able to be our most honest selves.

**People: For here, in this space, we are reminded that God is a God of love; and if that is true, then there is nothing we cannot say. So with confidence and hope, let us pray together...**

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for our singing, confessing, giving and praying, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than our faith, to be weighed down by what we don't have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. Forgive us, God. In this moment, draw us closer together, so close that we can't help but know we are not alone. Hear our silent prayers of return ...

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, no matter what. *No. Matter. What.* We are loved, known, and claimed.

**People: We belong to God, and we belong to one another.**

Leader: Through God's love, our sins are forgiven and we are made whole.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

In the spirit of celebration and contagious joy, we are invited to take a moment to greet our neighbors by name. Slow down long enough to really see them – for we are all God's children here, and everyone matters. Then pass the peace with a hug, a handshake, a high five or a fist bump!

*The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**\*Response 576**      Gloria, Gloria (*sung twice*)      GLORIA

Quartet: *Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**All: Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

## HEARING ...

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

**Anthem**      America      M. MCDONALD  
The Men's Quartet with Shirley Hawkes, accompanist

**Scripture**      Psalm 137:1-6 and Isaiah 43:1-2, 18-19

**Sermon**      THE RIVER ... DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT?  
Rev. Joel Weible

## RESPONDING ...

**\*Hymn** (see insert)      Shall We Gather at the River      HANSON PLACE

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

from THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us-God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity and we affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

**Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**

God Bless America

I. BERLIN

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

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

God of the here and now – the more we look for you, the more we find you. So in gratitude for your love which leads us, holds us, guides us, and pulls us, we give you this gift. May it be used to build your kingdom here and now. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Margaret Hill, Mark Lane, Regan Moore, Stephanie Willis

**SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 433**

There's a Spirit in the Air  
(Stanzas 1-4, only)

LAUDS

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

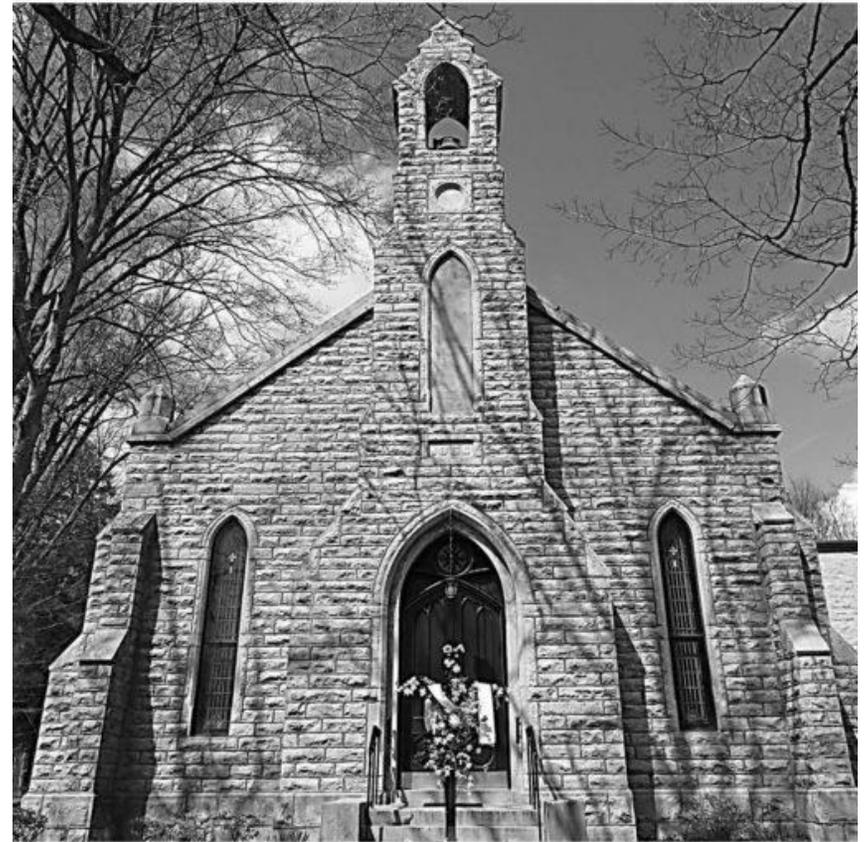
**\*Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

P. MANZ

\* Please stand, if comfortably able to do so

**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**

July 7, 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with those he had gathered, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. As we gather here, we proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness.

**People: All are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.**

### 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.**

O Holy One who created the stars, you have formed us from your womb and have given us life and creativity. You have made us rich in color and in speech, and your wisdom has guided us through every age and time. We ask now the presence of your Spirit. We have come from many places and have many ways of expressing our beliefs. Around this table, we are one and we call ourselves your people.

**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, 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 who have shown us faith and promise. We thank you, God, for the liberation that Christ brought all people and for giving us new life by dying and rising that 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.**

Thank you for the wholeness that you have given to us in the flesh and blood of Jesus the Christ. Give us courage to live in ways that give life and celebrate living. Through the grace that we have now in Christ and in the lives of those who have gone before us, we pray. Amen.

### The Breaking of the 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.