

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Drive-in Worship Service

July 19, 2020 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell

Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Rev. Joel Weible

We come to this worship lonely or empty or frightened.

We come with our inadequacies to seek God's wholeness.

From delinquency we seek God's forgiveness.

And from our self-imposed helplessness we hope to be freed by the Gospel's power for love and service.

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

*Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.*

*Gracious God, I come before Thee, come thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be;
To my heart O enter Thou, let it be Thy temple now.*

*Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee, while Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes.*

Call to Confession and Prayer (unison)

O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have prejudices against people too deep to fully recognize. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of compassion. Hear our silent prayers of return ... (*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief.

God hears our cries and questions, and promises to remain in covenant with us.

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.

We are forgiven and may begin again to love as Christ loves.

ALLELUIA! AMEN.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

HEARING ...

Anthem

Set Me as a Seal

PVPC Quintet

JOHN LEAVITT

Scripture

Matthew 5:3-11

RESPONDING ...**Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

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

Closing Hymn 412Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

*Eternal God, whose power upholds both flower and flaming star,
To whom there is no here nor there, no time, no near nor far,
No alien race, no foreign shore, no child unsought, unknown:
O send us forth, Thy prophets true, to make all lands Thine own!*

*O God of truth, whom science seeks and reverent souls adore,
Who lightest every earnest mind of every clime and shore:
Dispel the gloom of error's night, of ignorance and fear,
Until true wisdom from above shall make life's pathway clear!*

*O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, by whom Thy will was done:
Inspire Thy heralds of good news to live Thy life divine,
Till Christ is formed in every heart, and every land is Thine!*

SENDING ...**Charge and Benediction****Benediction Response**