

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Drive-In Worship Service

July 5, 2020 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Rev. Joel Weible

Leader: We have been called together to face God's new way of living.

People: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be.

Leader: But this is a new day. This is a day to put aside fear and to take courage.

People: We will look to the new day ahead of us and take courage in God's loving call.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

Opening Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

Call to Confession and Prayer (unison)

Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the error of our ways, intended or accidental. You alone know how often we fail by wandering from your paths, wasting our gifts, and underestimating your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit. Hear our silent prayers of return ... (*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

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

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

Leader: 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.

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

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

ResponseThere'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**Heal Our Land

ORRIN HATCH

Scripture

Psalm 128

Sermon

A TIME OF JOY, TOO

*Rev. Joel Weible*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.

Sacrament of Communion 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People

SENDING ...**Closing Hymn**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;
 Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
 Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Charge and Benediction**Benediction Response**