

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
Drive-In Worship Service
September 27, 2020 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Leader: From the ends of the earth, we are gathered together ...

People: The poor, and the rich, the joyful, the sorrowful, the honored, and the despised.

Leader: We are gathered in one community,

People: Reflecting the love and life of God.

ALL: WE HAVE COME FROM MANY WORLDS BUT WE WORSHIP GOD AS ONE!

Opening Hymn, No. 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the Gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves seriously, make us patient with our mistakes. Remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon (*unison*)

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!

***Response, No. 298**

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 a 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 ...

Scripture Matthew 10:34-39

Sermon LOSING OUR LIFE AND FINDING IT

Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

JOHN LEAVITT

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
 Holy Spirit come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
 Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
 Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
 Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

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
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING ...

Closing Hymn, No. 435

We All Are One in Mission

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We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.
 We all are called for service To witness in God's name.
 Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
 To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
 So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.
Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
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Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

Our flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God

To dedicate flowers for an upcoming Sunday, contact the Church Office (241-4326)

This Week's Birthdays:
Wedding Anniversaries:

Karen Wood (9/28), Paula Malone (9/30), Mike Yelton (9/30)
Shirley and Earl Orr (9/30)