

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
Drive-In Worship Service
September 20, 2020 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Leader: In autumn beauty, we prepare for the harvest.

People: Harvest is a time of rejoicing in God's natural bounty and the gathering in of our lives.

Leader: Seasons turn, but God's love is changeless.

People: We praise God for all we have received.

ALL: MAY THE RESTLESS WINDS OF THE SPIRIT RUSH THROUGH OUR LIVES AS WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

Opening Hymn, No. 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

Refrain

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Refrain

Call to Confession and Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, as difficult as it is, we confess that our hearts are too often closed tight against your love and mercy. We hold on to love for ourselves, resentment against those for whom we care, anger at our helplessness, and complicity in the structures of our society. We have protected ourselves emotionally, socially, and spiritually; and our selfishness has nourished the pain of the world rather than its hope. Open, loosen, and unbind us. Enable our frozen hearts to love all, our clenched hands to help all, and our stifled spirits to breathe and pray. 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

Luke 4:18-19

Sermon

PICKING UP THE CROSS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US

Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem

Lamb of God

PVPC Men's Quartet

TWILA PARIS / ARR. L. LARSON

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. 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.*

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,

Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,

Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,

Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life

Then surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,

Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

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:

Lynne Anderson (9/20), Katie Clark (9/20)

Wedding Anniversaries:

Andre and Anna Faul (9/20), Keaton and Madri Hall-Faul (9/20),
Candler and Shawn Phelps (9/23)