

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
Drive-In Worship Service
October 18, 2020 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we desire to be good stewards of all that you have made: the earth, the world and all that dwells therein.

People: We give thanks for your gifts to us.

Leader: You call us to use whatever gifts we have been given in service to others.

People: And so we give back to you the substance of our lives—our time, talent and money.

Leader: We are called by you, O Lord, to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted in our care and to honor your name with our presence and our service.

ALL: WE HAVE FREELY RECEIVED! LET US BEGIN OUR SEASON OF FREELY GIVING BACK!

Opening Hymn, No. 488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

Call to Confession and Prayer (unison)

We thank you, O God, for inviting us to live in covenant with you and one another, and for remaining faithful to your promise. Yet, like people of all ages, we find it difficult to be faithful to you. We despise those who remind us of your call. We grieve you by our rebellion against your word and our slowness to be your partners. We are not worthy, God, but we pray: "Forgive us and do not give up on us." Through Jesus Christ, your word of love, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

Leader: Speak the Good News!

People: God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

ALL: PRAISE GOD, WHO ACCEPTS AND USES OUR VERY HUMAN LIVES IN THE UNFOLDING STORY OF SALVATION AND NEW LIFE. AMEN

***Response, Doxology 592**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

HEARING ...

Scripture

John 4:21-24

Anthem

Into the Waters

words by P.MOCK and P.DRENNAN / music by P.DRENNAN

*Holy Spirit, Love divine, come to the place where the waters shine.
Bring all your burdens, bring all your pain. Come and be cleansed to new life again.
Shine on the waters, Lord, let us see the river of mercy, the river of peace.
Show us the way You want us to go. Wade into the waters that gently flow.*

*Child of God, do not delay. Go down in the waters; your sins have been paid.
Reach out your hand, it's not very deep. Trusting in God, oh, the joys you'll reap!
Come into the waters, don't stand on the shore. The Savior is waiting; there's life evermore.
Buried with my Lord and with my King, Now raised to new life, Hallelujah, I sing!*

*I left all my sorrow, I left all my shame. Praise to the Lamb, I'm singing his name!
Shine on the waters, Lord, let us see the river of mercy, the river of peace.
Show us the way you want us to go. Wade into the waters.
Wade into the waters that gently flow, That gently flow.*

RESPONDING ...**Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Season**

We believe in God, Creator of the Universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of Life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ who reminded us that God's Kingdom is already among us and commanded us to care for those in need. Who taught us not to store up treasures on earth, but to empty ourselves in self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to the faithful stewardship of God's gifts and in whom we live and move and have our being.

We believe that stewardship is an act of worship and a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING ...**Closing Hymn, No. 538**Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, o refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration for Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found;*

*So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with Thee in endless day.*

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

Larry McCarson (10/29), Keaton Hall-Faul (10/23)

Wedding Anniversaries:

Walter & Lynne Anderson (10/19)