

**Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church**  
*Drive-In Worship Service*  
October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday

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GATHERING ...

**The Ringing of the Bell**  
**Words of Welcome**

PREPARING ...

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

**People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.**

Leader: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

**People: All who are lost will find safety here.**

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

**People: All who are broken will find healing here.**

Leader: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

**People: For this is the heavenly banquet and you are welcome here!**

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

**Opening Hymn, No. 504**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Your name*

*Two or three are met together You are in the midst of them;*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,*

*Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of You,*

*That by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.*

**Call to Confession and Prayer** (*unison*)

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor Creation, but we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last through Jesus Christ. 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**

John 17:13-21

**Sermon**

JOY THROUGH UNITY

*Rev. Joel Weible*

**Sacrament of Communion**    1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Communion Hymn, No. 508**    For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

*For the bread which You have broken, for the wine which You have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken, now we give You thanks, O Lord.*

*By this promise that You love us, by Your gift of peace restored,  
By Your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*With the saints that now adore You seated at the heavenly board,  
May the church still waiting for You keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward:  
In the world to which You send us, let Your kingdom come, O Lord.*

**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.

**Prayer after the Sharing** (*unison*)

Dearest Lord, help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world in turmoil. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**SENDING ...**

**Closing Hymn, No. 522**    Lord, When I Came Into This Life

LAND OF REST

*Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;*

*Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,*

*I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,*

*Let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:*

*Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Benediction Response**

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**Our flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God**

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*This Week's Birthdays:*    Madison Bates (10/2), Alison Clark (10/2), Sis Sleadd (10/3), Lucy Yelton (10/3),  
John Hendrickson (10/5), Richard Warren (10/9)

*Wedding Anniversaries:*    Rick Fletcher & Clare Grant (10/3), Andre & Emma Faul (10/4),  
Matt & Jamie Kingsley (10/8)