

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Service

October 4, 2020 – World Communion Sunday

GATHERING ...

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Ashia Stoess

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

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

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

All who are lost will find safety here.

All who are lonely will find a friend here.

All who are broken will find healing here.

All who have been wandering will find a home here.

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

LET US WORSHIP GOD!

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*)

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.

By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven and the ability to begin again is ours.

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

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 ...

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: 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)