

**Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church**  
*Drive-In Worship Service*  
November 8, 2020 –23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING ...

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

PREPARING ...

**Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning God created all things, declaring them to be good.

**People: When God created women and men, we were given the charge to care for all creation.**

Leader: As God's days of creation ceased, ours began.

**People: Our God-given gifts are to be used to continue God's creative work.**

**ALL: WE GATHER ON THIS MORNING TO GIVE THANKS AND TO SHARE THIS TASK. LET US BEGIN ...**

**Opening Hymn, No. 477**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.*

*God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh – His presence we have;  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.*

*“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,” let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.*

*Then let us adore, and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

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

Gracious God, deliver us from arrogance and empty vanities. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering others. Cast down our pride that we may grow in humility. Take away the barriers of self-defense; grant us the firm security that comes from trust in you and is built with neighborly cooperation and mutual respect. Lead us in the lowly steps of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy, through Christ. In his name, 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 HUNDRETH

*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**

Joshua 24:1-15

**Sermon**

CHOOSING AGAIN  
*Dedication of Pledges for 2020*

*Rev. Joel Weible*

*As those of old their firstfruits brought f vineyard, flock, and field  
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,  
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.*

*A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,  
To make our life an offering to God that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
A world redeemed by Christlike love, all life in Christ made new.*

*With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,  
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.  
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

#### **Affirmation of Faith for Stewardship Season** (*unison*)

*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

#### **RESPONDING ...**

#### **Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

#### **SENDING ...**

#### **Closing Hymn, No. 555**

#### Now Thank We All Our God

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*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.*

#### **Charge and Benediction**

#### **Benediction Response**

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**Our flowers this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God, by Ron & Carol Warren,  
in loving memory of Dick & Lessie Warren and Ray & Helen Humke.**

*This Week's Birthday:* Ken Hohman (11/12)

*Wedding Anniversary:* Bob & Lois Hicks (11/9)

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