

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
“*Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...*”

Sunday Morning Drive-in Worship
April 18, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

GATHERING ...

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Leader: The bread of life opens our eyes.

People: The word of life opens our ears.

Leader: The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

People: And by his wounds we are healed.

ALL: LET US GIVE THANKS TO GOD TOGETHER!

Opening Hymn I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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*I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Thou has the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness has Thou and no bitterness:
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in Thee; our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in Thy strength we evermore endure.*

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God, we confess that there are many hours when we are not mindful of your presence. We give up the comfort and avoid the challenge that come from your Word and your Spirit. We continue in despair and self-doubt, rather than rejoicing in knowing you love us. Afraid to die, we cannot receive new life. Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing you. May Christ be known among us in this place and into the world. Hear, now, our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God loves us and frees us from all that we do to turn away from the transformative power of belief.

People: God hears our cries and questions, and promises to remain in covenant with us.

Leader: In the name of the Risen One, who came, who comes, and who is to come again, the heavy weight of our doubt is lifted.

People: We are forgiven and may begin again to love as Christ loves.

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

ResponseAlleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.**We have been crucified with Christ.**Now we shall live forever.**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.***HEARING ...****Scripture**

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 22-25

Sermon

Easter Life: Called to Freedom

*Rev. Joel Weible***Anthem**How Great Thou Art

Vocals: James Bates

ARR: CARL G. BOBERG

RESPONDING ...**Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (PCUSA)

In life and death we belong to God.

We trust in God who, in sovereign love, created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We rebel against God, yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation in everlasting love.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Time of Sharing

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing HymnGod, Bless Your Church with Strength!

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*God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,**Up-build Your servants as we work in common ministry.**Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar**Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.**God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,**Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.**From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;**Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.**God, bless our church with hope! Despite chaotic days,**May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.**May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,**In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!***SENDING ...****Charge and Benediction****Benediction Response*****This Week's Birthdays:***

Zach Corcoran April 20

David Ellis April 23