

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

**Sunday Morning Drive-in Worship**  
**May 2, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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**GATHERING ...**

Prelude  
The Ringing of the Bell  
Words of Welcome

**PREPARING ...**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: God had raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

**People: God raises us to new life daily!**

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD TOGETHER.**

**Opening Hymn**

O Day of Radiant Gladness

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O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
This day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God Triune.

This day at the creation, the light first had its birth;  
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;  
This day our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heaven,  
And thus this day most glorious a triple light was given.

This day God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;  
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.  
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,  
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining, we walk the pilgrim way,  
At length our rest attaining, our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to You our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The church its voice upraises to You, blest Three in One.

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

Gracious God, Dresser of Vines, we confess that we have been more willing to consume the fruits of others than to bear fruit ourselves. We have refused to give of ourselves when the harvest is uncertain. We have not been fruitful because we have depended too much on ourselves and not enough on you. Help us, God, to be channels for your grace, branches who feed on your life-giving Spirit, bearers of your word of love and joy. In Christ’s name, hear 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.**

**Response**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

ALLELUIA NO. 1

We have been crucified with Christ.  
 Now we shall live forever.

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 Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

**HEARING ...****Scripture** Romans 12:1-5**Sermon** Easter Life: Engaging Empire*Rev. Joel Weible***Anthem** Set Me as a Seal

JOHN LEAVITT

**RESPONDING ...****SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION***Prepare your "Table" with bread and cup***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 Hymn**How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed Your call:  
 To live according to Your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
 That you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,  
 If worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind  
 Its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.

We mark Your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure,  
 Whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear Your name,  
 And by our faults obscure Your power to cleanse and cure.

In what You give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
 In old routines and ventures new, may we not cease to look to You –  
 The cross you hung upon – all you endeavored done.

**SENDING ...****Charge and Benediction****Benediction Response**