

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**May 16, 2021 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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*\*Please stand if comfortably able to do so*

**GATHERING ...**

**Prelude**

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

**PREPARING ...**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather this morning to praise you, Eternal God.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world...**

Leader: From everlasting to everlasting ...

**People: ... You are God.**

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord be upon us,

**People: And prosper the work of our hands.**

**ALL: AS WE WORSHIP THE GOD TOGETHER.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

WAREHAM

Great God, we sing that mighty hand by which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Your mercy shows; that mercy crowns it till it close.

With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown,  
We to Your guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before Your feet.

In scenes exalted or depressed, You are our joy, and You our rest;  
Your goodness all our hopes shall raise, adored through all our changing days.

**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 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 ...**

**Time for Young Disciples**

<b>Anthem</b>	<u>The Old Rugged Cross</u>	JOEL RANEY
<b>Scripture</b>	1 Corinthians 11:17-2, 16:13-14	
<b>Sermon</b>	Easter Life: Community	<i>Rev. Joel Weible</i>

**RESPONDING ...**

**\*Hymn** Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

**\*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

**Presentation of the Morning's Offering** (*The Offering is brought forward as we sing*)

**\*Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love. Above all, we give thanks for the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit that breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection that is possible every day of our lives. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

We All Are One in Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name;  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.  
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Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**SENDING ...**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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