

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship
May 9, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING ...

Prelude
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's teachings.
People: And meditate on them day and night.
Leader: They are like trees planted in streams of water.
People: Yielding fruit in due season and their leaves do not wither.
ALL: LET US DELIGHT IN GOD TOGETHER

Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God that made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice. Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One. 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.

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.

ALLELUIA NO. 1

HEARING ...

Scripture Colossians 2:6-7

Sermon Easter Life: Disciple Makers

Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

JOHN RUTTER

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 Hymn

O for a World

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

SENDING ...

A Litany of Thanksgiving and Farewell

The Gathered Community and Ellen Sherby

THANKSGIVING:

Joel: Gracious God, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Joel: We give thanks, O God, for the gift and ministry of Ellen Sherby in and to our congregation this past year.

People: For the moments we have shared together and for the partnership of seminary and church.

FAREWELL:

Joel: Ellen, as you prepare to leave our community, what do you take with you?

Ellen: I carry with me all that I have learned from the people of God in this community and your influence on my faith and faithfulness.

Joel: And how will you continue to care for all of those you leave here?

Ellen: I promise to carry love for all of you in my heart. Even more, I promise to pray for your ongoing ministry.

Joel: Let us pray ...

ALL: ETERNAL GOD, WHOSE STEADFAST LOVE FOR US IS FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING, AS WE CLOSE THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP, WE ALSO DEDICATE THIS PAST YEAR OF MINISTRY WITH ELLEN TO YOU. WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR CHERISHED MEMORIES AND COMMEND ONE ANOTHER INTO YOUR CARE AS WE MOVE IN NEW DIRECTIONS. HELP ALL OF US TO TRUST THE FUTURE THAT RESTS IN YOUR HANDS. KEEP US ONE IN YOUR LOVE FOREVER, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

Charge and Benediction

Ellen Sherby

Postlude
