

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude How Lovely Are the Messengers F.MENDELSSOHN

***Call to Worship** Jackie Meade

Leader: The beginning of Wisdom is to gather before God.

People: God, grant us the wisdom to worship only you.

Leader: The wise delight to think on God’s will and way.

People: May we be like trees planted near streams of water, that we may yield fruit in our season.

ALL: GLORY BE TO GOD, CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER!

***Hymn 4** Holy God, We Praise Your Name
GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what we cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust 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 435** There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE
(Stanza 1 only)

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: A Time for Young Disciples Ashia Stoess
At the conclusion, children may return to their families

Scripture John 6:56-69

Message BE JESUS-Y Ashia Stoess

***Hymn 836** Abide with Me EVENTIDE
(stanzas 1, 3-5)

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from THE IONA COMMUNITY

We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.

We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice, so that all may have a say in what happens to them.

We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

