

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Pinesalme EDWARD GRIEG

***Call to Worship** Sis Sleadd

Leader: What does this worship service need?

**People: Quiet where faith can grow, songs that blossom hope,
scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle
our knotty existence, and gifts offering service to the heart.**

Leader: Who may worship in this service?

**People: All who have prayer in the center of their lives and all who
are lonely for the touch of God.**

ALL: THEN LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

***Hymn 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamors of our world again this week. We have been more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. 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 Rev. Joel Weible
At the conclusion, children may return to their families

Anthem America the Beautiful ARR. MARY MCDONALD
The Men's Quartet

Scripture Psalm 121

Message THOSE HILLS AND THAT GOD Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 45** I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes DUNDEE

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The presence of the Spirit comes to us with unexpected brightness, often answering unspoken prayers.

People: We long to know the shining of the risen One among us.

Leader: Gathered here, we risk the hope that we can remake our lives with a bit of bread and a shared cup.

People: We seek a connection beyond understanding, a gleam of holiness in the Bread of Promise and the Cup of Joy.

Invocation and the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to be thankful and full of praise.

God of spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain, we spread our wings in flight toward you. We stretch our arms in need of you. We feed ourselves with gifts from you.

We thank you for your love poured out as we sense your Spirit shining in the sunlight, sailing on the wind, and singing in the souls of each one gathered here.

Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today, that our lives might ignite a love to light the world.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 552

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy One, you speak to us in silence, yet all languages interpret you. Because you call us to be community, we are able to become gifts to one another.

We remember and give thanks for those called out with a vision of possibility and new life.

We thank you especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, in whose life we find our call and through whose love we are saved.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 553

LAND OF REST

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

We thank you for the openness of all those who have dared to accept your call to be the bearer and nurturer of your Love made flesh. For it is in his name we pray ...

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning we receive Communion through the "sets" placed in the pew cup holders. When instructed, please take a "set" and peel back the top plastic film to receive the bread wafer. Then, when instructed, pull back the foil tab to receive the juice.

Prayer after the Sharing (*unison*)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing; because the outpoured cup has meant our life; because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls; and because we have been graced by your presence here, O God: We give you thanks that our lives are renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.