

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring J.S. BACH

***Call to Worship** Toby Fletcher

Leader: Let us come before God with all we are:

People: **Whether we are tired or energetic, joyful or sad, hungry or satisfied, seeking or knowing, or somewhere in the in-between.**

Leader: No matter where we are, let us acknowledge and exclaim:

People: **This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

***Hymn 409** God Is Here! ABBOT’S LEIGH

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

O God, you set us in a world of soaring beauty, and profound mystery. You enclosed our years within the eternal context of fragrant spring mornings, and sparkling winter nights. You granted us, over the years, lively companionship and the sheer, clear point of joy in creating the steady, solid support of friendships tried, and tested. You have done all this and more. Forgive us for ever thinking that life is simply a random series of opportunities and disappointments. Forgive us for not acknowledging that our life has been a gift, a gift to be accepted and savored, a gift to be lived out, fully lived out between our birth and our resurrection. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers of return ...

(A Time of Silence for Personal Confession: Pray the above prayer again, but this time substitute “I, my, and me” for “we, our, and us”.)

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, Hymn 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! ALLELUIA NO. 1
(refrain, stanza 3, refrain)

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: Time for Young Disciples Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree ELIZABETH POSTON

Scripture Philippians 4:1,4-7

Sermon PRACTICING JOY ALL THE TIME Rev. Weible

***Hymn 805** Come Sing to God ELLACOMBE

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH
In life and death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Ignoring God’s commandments, we deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. (*cont’d*)

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 Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory In Joyful Praise

A.L. LYON

***Doxology 592** Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings this morning that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Closing Hymn** I've Got the Joy
(*see insert*)

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"

arr. D. WAGNER

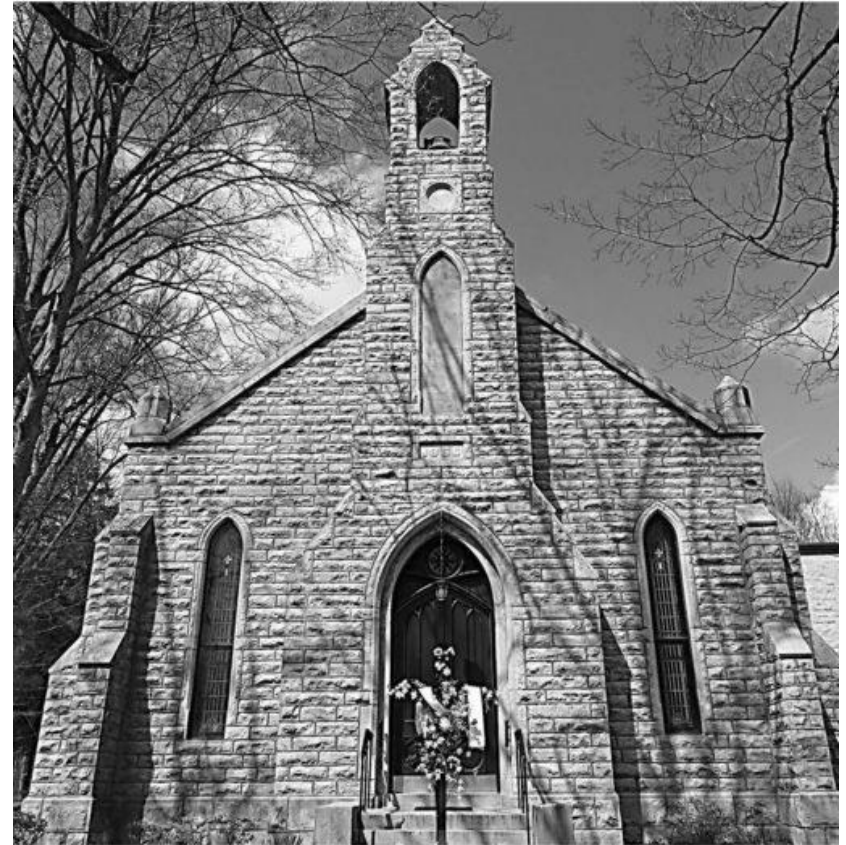
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"We have found in this church a spiritual home where we learn to serve others, enjoy and glorify God, celebrate differences, and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ."

Sunday Morning Worship

May 15, 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter