

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Largo A. DVORAK

***Call to Worship** Patrick Long

Leader: On this World Communion Sunday, people around the world
gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart, mind, and spirit.

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body, we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world the Table of God is prepared for all people.

People: Let us come eagerly to be fed and quench our thirst.

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER, LET SHARE GOD’S
TABLE.**

***Hymn 507** Come to the Table of Grace TABLE OF GRACE

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we hold deep in our hearts set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(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: Friends, there is a kindness in God’s justice that hears out our confessions and liberates us to move forward, to build a new and better world.

People: God’s Word forgives and redeems us. God’s Breath revitalizes us for the journey.

Leader: Hear the Good News: We are forgiven by the Grace of God’s love for us.

ALL: ALLELUIA! AMEN.

***Response 581** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space and Prayers for the Children

Anthem Let There Be Peace on Earth arr. JAY ALTHOUSE

Scripture Luke 10:25-37

Sermon MAKE PEACE: TAKING RISKS Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 691** Lord, When I Came into This Life LAND OF REST

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from the BELHAR CONFESSION

We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation; that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation; to be peacemakers; and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers of sin and death, of hate, bitterness, and enmity, through the life-giving Word and Spirit. We praise God that the gospel does not separate people on the basis of race, gender, class, or culture, but is the power of reconciliation in Christ. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering and Offering

Offertory Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy arr. M. THOMPSON

***Doxology 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDRETH

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

God our Source, through you come all gifts and all blessings. Though you love us all unconditionally, and long to see everyone thrive, we live in a broken, human world. Even though you have given us more than enough, we have skewed our resources, so some have too much, and others have too little. Accept these offerings as a beginning, a small way for us to restore the balance, that one day it will be as you intend: all will have enough. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Margaret Hill, Patrick Long, Richard Ray

SENDING ...

***Hymn 14** For the Beauty of the Earth DIX

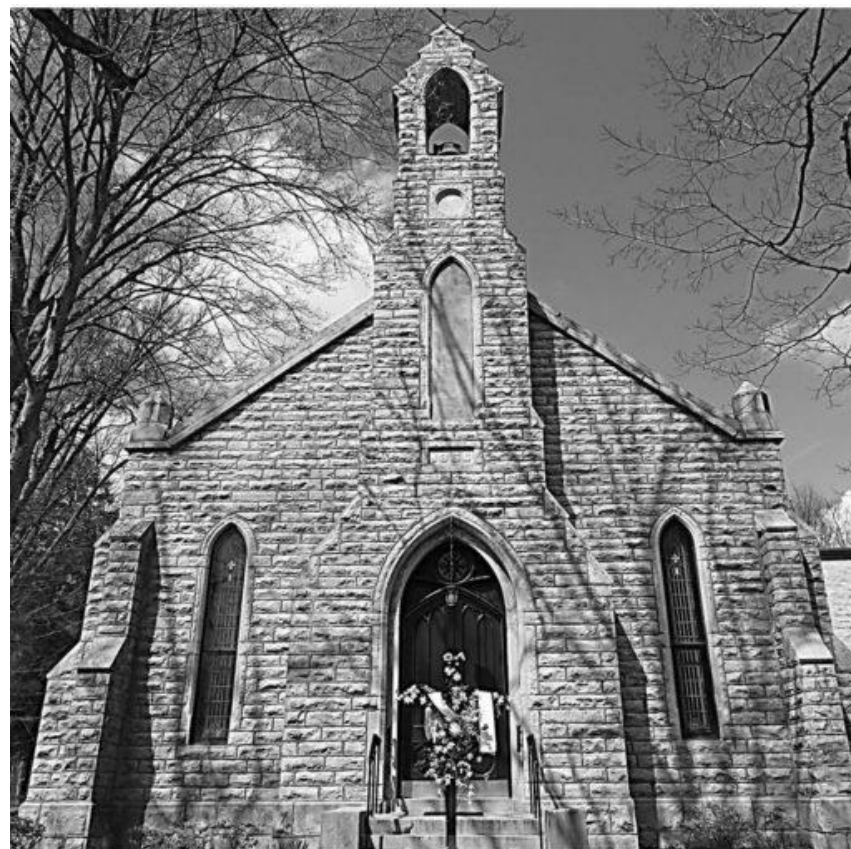
***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** God Hath Spoken By His Prophets arr. P. MANZ

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



***“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

October 2, 2022 – World Communion Sunday

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Come to the table.

We come as guests invited.

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.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, on this World Communion Sunday we are reminded that you smile upon your whole creation – all those who will gather at this table and all those who may not. You call the whole world into being and pronounce it good.

Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone without regard for your intentions for all. Still, you chase after us to save us from our own harm.

When we chase after other gods, you call us back to you through cries of prophets, which we ignore, until at last you send your own child to be for us the goodness we refuse.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. Embodying God's desire to bless all people, you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire and were chosen to be a blessing to all people.

When threatened with the terror of crucifixion, you did not lay down but stood up with resurrection life to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven, and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

So we forever proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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.**

Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church, to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world.

Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup.

Knit us more closely together in the fellowship of your sovereign way. Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please wait to partake of the elements until all are served.)

Prayer after the Sharing *(unison)*

Dearest Lord, help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world in turmoil. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.