

# PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## GATHERING ...

Gathering Music  
The Ringing of the Bell  
Words of Welcome

## PREPARING ...

**Prelude**      The Land of the Seeking      S. LAJOYE

**\*Call to Worship**      Patrick Long

Leader: We gather together ...

**People:** The seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.

Leader: We gather together ...

**People:** The curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.

Leader: We gather together ...

**People:** Those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.

Leader: So come to the well, come to the table.

**ALL:** COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD.

**\*Hymn 451**      Open My Eyes, That I May See      OPEN MY EYES

## **Call to Confession and Prayer** (*unison*)

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one who is able to provide drink. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it is you who quenches thirst. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray. 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: Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could refuse to strike the rock, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God.

**People:** This is the Good News of the Gospel.

Leader: For God’s grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven.

**People:** And all the more reason for us to open our eyes, to see and to love all who are thirsty.

**ALL:** MAY THIS REALIZATION CHANGE AND INSPIRE US.  
AMEN.

**Response 215** What Wondrous Love Is This (*stanza 1*)      WONDROUS LOVE  
*During Lent, please stay seated as we sing the response.*

## HEARING ...

**Sacred Space: A Time for Young Disciples**      Ashia Stoess

**Anthem**      Seek Ye First      KAREN LAFFERTY

**Scripture**      Exodus 17:1-7

**Sermon**      SEEKING: Will You Give Me Something to Drink?  
Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 81**      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken      AUSTRIAN HYMN

## RESPONDING ...

### **\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice. We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us. We believe that all God’s children have a voice and something to say. We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned. We believe in asking questions. We believe in curiosity. We believe in giving people a drink. May we be brave enough to do it. Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offertory

**Offertory**     Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley     arr. DALE WOOD

**\*Doxology 606**     Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

### **\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

God of all true power and glory, we thank you that once again we travel with Jesus toward Jerusalem, not with a sword to challenge the powers of this world, but with Love to transform them. May these gifts be a sign of the offering of our whole selves in this season. Amen.

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Regina Bates, Patrick Long,  
Richard Ray, Sis Sleadd

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 498**     Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken     BEACH SPRING

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

## The Ringing of the Bell

**\*Postlude**     Toccata from Suite Gothique     L. BOELLMAN

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit*

### ***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...***

Reverend Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website under the "Media" tab.

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## Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church



## Lent 2023 at PVPC

We are all Seeking Something: Clarity, Connection,  
Wonder, Justice, Balance, Our Calling, the Sacred,  
Discipleship

*What are you seeking? What is GOD seeking?*

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

March 12, 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The God we seek is seeking us, too.

**People: And that same God has a seat saved at this Table, specifically for each one of us.**

Leader: We come whether we are dancing for joy, or still feeling a little lost.

**People: We come with questions and with hunger.**

Leader: We come for the first time or for the hundredth time.

**People: We come because this feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us.**

Leader: We come because all are welcome.

### 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.**

We give you thank for all the tables we gather around, and for this one set before us with friends that feel like family, and our church which acts as our band of disciples.

**We pray with those who are caught in grief and loss. Relieve them of their suffering. Find them in the crowd. Wipe their tears. Hold their grief for them and point them toward peace.**

**Sung Response, Hymn No. 580**

LAND OF REST

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

Two thousand years later we still we remember that you are seeking us.  
We seek after you, too, O God, hungry to hear you say our name.

**So hold all of our prayers in your hearts, and continue to  
reveal yourself in this broken world until we may sing  
"Alleluia!" once again on Easter morning.**

Until then, we hold onto hope, forever singing the mystery of our faith.

**Sung Response, Hymn No. 582**

LAND OF REST

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

We have come to this Table where all are fed, and all are welcomed, and there is room for everyone, and no one is turned away, or made to feel unworthy.

**And in these moments, we are found. AMEN.**

### The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

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)

God, we look for you in the mirror, in strangers, in sunrises, on mountain tops, in the laughter of children, and in meals shared together. We look for you on the city streets, in hospital rooms, in jail cells, in poetry, and hymn melodies. We look for you everywhere. We thank you that at this Table we have seen you clearly. Please don't stop seeking us. Gratefully we pray. Amen.