

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude The Land of the Seeking S. LAJOYE

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Scripture is full of questions ...

People: **Where are you? Am I my brother’s keeper? Whom shall I send? Scripture is full of questions ...**

Leader: Who sinned? How many times shall I forgive? If God is for us, who can be against us? Scripture is full of questions ...

People: **So just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our questions and wonder into this space.**

ALL: **LET US ASK AND SEEK AFTER OUR MERCIFUL GOD.**

***Hymn 314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*) Ashia Stoess

Gracious God, moments from now, we will hear the disciples ask Jesus, “Who sinned?” They want to know who around them could be blamed for suffering. They want to identify who around them had done wrong. Gathered together and in prayer in these moments of confession, we respond, “We have sinned.” For we put our heads in the sand. We ignore people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness. So we are praying. Hear now 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: Speak the Good News!

People: **Our God is a merciful God who does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.**

Leader: When we suffer, God weeps. When we sin, God forgives. When we lose our way, God comes running.

People: **Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

ALL: **WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE IS THIS?**

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 Lenten Meditation JAY ALTHOUSE
The Men’s Quartet

Scripture John 9:1-41

Sermon SEEKING: WHO SINNED? Patrick Long

***Hymn 182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

We believe in a merciful God, a God who does not keep score, a God who wants good for us. We believe in a creative God, a God who would heal with mud, a God capable of seeing what we cannot. We believe in a saving God, a God who heals, a God who greets our questions with patience, a God who sends us out with hope in our step. What a wondrous love this is! Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory It Is Well with My Soul arr. E. WHITSETT

***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.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 649** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound AMAZING GRACE

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Rejoice, the Lord is King arr. J. PAYNE

** Please stand in body or spirit*

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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 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent