

# 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**

Leader: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**People:** **Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Leader: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**People:** **Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

Leader: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house.

**People:** **Hope lives here. So, let us rest our weary bones.**

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

**\*Hymn 65**      Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah      CWM RHONDDA

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

Gracious God, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from you – not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. And so, we bring our full selves to this prayer. Knowing that you are already running to meet us, we confess: We forget that you know this feeling. We forget that you, too, have wept. We forget that you, too, have lost. We forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive us for all the times we place blame on you. Forgive us for all the times we create distance, imagining that you could never feel what we feel. Forgive us for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in our hearts. Bring our bones back to life. Bring us closer to you. 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: Friends, we could spend our whole lives ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world’s problems all on your own.

**People:** **But God would still love you all the same.**

Leader: Even in our shortcomings, we are God’s beloved.

**People:** **So let us speak and believe this good news:**

**ALL:** **WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. WE BELONG TO GOD. WE ARE NOT ALONE.**

**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**      Rev. Joel Weible

**Anthem**      If You Search with All Your Heart      CRAIG COURTNEY

**Scripture**      Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Sermon**      SEEKING: CAN THESE BONES LIVE?      Ashia Stoess

**\*Hymn 286**      Breathe on Me, Breath of God      TRENTHAM

## RESPONDING ...

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

We believe that God loves us – enough to weep when we are gone.

We believe that God does not give up on us – breathing new life into tired bones.

We believe that God returns to us – always seeking us when we are lost.

We believe that God holds hope for us – so we hold onto hope as well.

We believe, help our unbelief. Amen.

### **Time of Giving Thanks**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

## Call to Offering and Offertory

**Offertory**     The Old Rugged Cross     arr. B. INGRAM

**\*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 378**     We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom     MERLE'S TUNE

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**The Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Postlude**     O Living Breath of God     arr. E.L. DIEMER

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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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### **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 26, 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent