

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Land of the Seeking S. LAJOYE
Ashia Stoess, vocals / Richard Ray, guitar

***Call to Worship** Ashia Stoess

Leader: What is it like to begin again?

People: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

Leader: It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

People: May we find God in our seeking and learn as we go.

ALL: LET US INVITE THE GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS TO HELP US BEGIN AGAIN.

***Hymn 472** Kum ba Yah KUM BA YAH

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. 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: Family of faith, speak and believe this good news:

People: There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.

Leader: No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.

People: Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Leader: Let us join together in saying:

**ALL: WE BELONG TO GOD. WE ARE HELD IN GOD'S LOVE.
WE ARE MADE NEW. 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 the Lord JOHN CARTER

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a

Sermon SEEKING: HOW DO WE BEGIN AGAIN?
Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 49** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

RESPONDING ...

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

We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows, who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again. We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence. We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation, and that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory Rosymedre

R.V. WILLIAMS

***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 739** O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** “St Anne” Fugue

J.S. BACH

** Please stand in body or spirit*

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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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 5, 2023 – 2nd 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.