

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Keep Us, Lord, Faithful to Your Word J. PACHELBEL

***Call to Worship** Patty Clark

Leader: We love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with
all our mind when we show mercy.

People: We love our neighbor as ourself when we show mercy.

Leader: We love our enemies when we show mercy.

People: Lord, in your mercy, may we show mercy.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.

***Hymn 403** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Holy God, we know that we come to you with so many prayers, so often asking for ourselves what we fail to give to others. You have told us to do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with you, but we do not. We leave the work of justice to others and tend only to our own needs and desires, hoping that somehow everything works out for those on the margins. We expect mercy for our failings and for those we love, but we withhold it from strangers and enemies, expecting them to apologize or somehow prove their worthiness. Forgive us, Merciful One. Turn us from our selfish pride and enfold us in your grace so that we may gladly walk in your light and open our arms to love this world that you so love. 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: Beloved of God, hear the good news: God does not deal with us according to our sins, or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who trust God.

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

People: We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

***Response, Hymn 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
(*refrain, stanza 3, refrain*) ALLELUIA NO. 1

***The Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: Time for Young Disciples Ashia Stoess

Anthem Birth BARBARA HAGAN
Richard Ray, vocalist

Scripture 1 Samuel 24:1-7

Sermon LOVING BY SHOWING MERCY Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH
In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. L. LARSON

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

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

Good and gracious God, you give us so much and we return to you our gifts. Take our offerings and our lives for your service, that those who are hungry may be fed, those who are oppressed may receive justice, and those who are strangers may be welcomed. We offer all in Jesus' name, the one who came to feed, free, and welcome all. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 341** O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

Postlude Reprise on "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

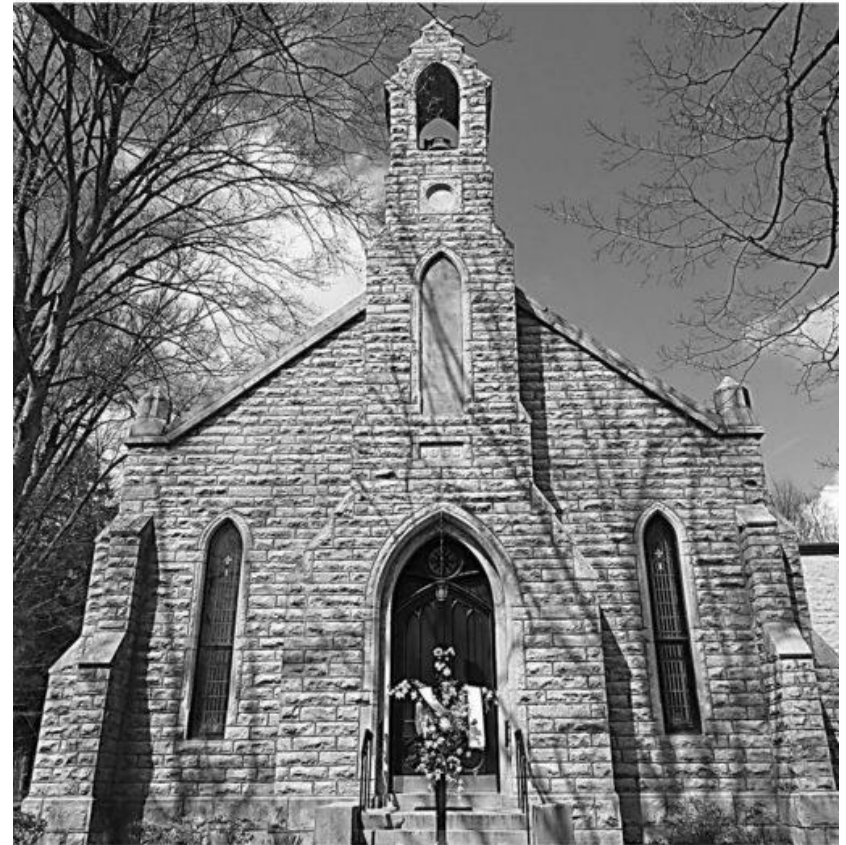
arr. R. WILLIAMSON

** Please stand in body or spirit*

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Sunday Morning Worship

April 30, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter