

**PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*“Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...”*

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**GATHERING ...**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Prelude**      The Glory of the Easter Feast!      F.D. ASHDOWN

**PREPARING ...**

**\*Call to Worship**      Margaret Hill (8:30) / Ashia Stoess (10:30)

**Leader:**      We have come looking for the light before dawn and a reason to hope.

**People:**      **We have come looking for joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

**Leader:**      We have come looking for a place to belong.

**People:**      **Good news, then! We have come to the right place.**

**Leader:**      Love is alive here!

**ALL:**      **AND GOD IS IN THIS PLACE! ALLELUIA! LET US SING.**

**\*Hymn 232**      Jesus Christ Is Risen Today      EASTER HYMN

**\*Litany and Prayer for Easter Morning**

**Leader:**      We have spent the past six weeks asking questions.

**People:**      **We have turned over every rock and shined a light in every dusty corner.**

**Leader:**      We have opened the blinds, wrestled with truth, and sought after Jesus.

**People:**      **And on this Easter morning, He brings wisdom to our seeking.**

**Leader:**      The Risen Christ moves through this room and the walls echo with the sound of alleluias.

**People:**      **God has rolled back the stones on our own graves, calmed our hearts, and spoken our names.**

**Leader:**      We are awake to Christ’s presence within us for we are here.

**People:**      **We are listening and we are still seeking to know who we are because of this day.**

**Leader:**      And so we pray ...

**ALL:**      **YOU MEET US IN THE DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN  
AND WE MISTAKE YOU FOR THE GARDENER.  
FORGIVE US FOR SEEKING AFTER WORLDLY  
THINGS AND FORGETTING TO SEEK YOU. SPEAK  
TO US TODAY THAT WE MAY RECOGNIZE YOU  
EVERY DAY. WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE WE  
PRAY. AMEN.**

**\*Response 233**      The Day of Resurrection!      LANCASHIRE

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
The round world keep high triumph and all that is there in.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!*

**HEARING ...**

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

**Anthem**      For the Beauty of the Earth      J. RUTTER

**Scripture**      John 20:11-16

**Sermon**      SEEKING: Who are You Looking For?  
Rev. Joel Weible

**\*Hymn 246**      Christ Is Alive!      TRURO

**RESPONDING ...**

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

We believe in resurrection – mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning – in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus – who calls us by name and asks, “Who are you looking for?”

So we look constantly for justice, for mercy, and for God in our midst. And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!” Amen.

## Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Offertory**     My Shepherd Will Supply My Need     arr. R. HOBBY

**\*Doxology 606**     Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

The risen Christ has always been with us. In his name we dedicate our humble offering. We are servants of our Lord, O God. As we are empowered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, use *our* gifts to carry on your redemptive work. In love and with humility, we pray. Amen.

### **SENDING ...**

**\*Hymn 248**     Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!     HYMN TO JOY

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

**Choral Response**     Hallelujah Chorus     G.F. HANDEL

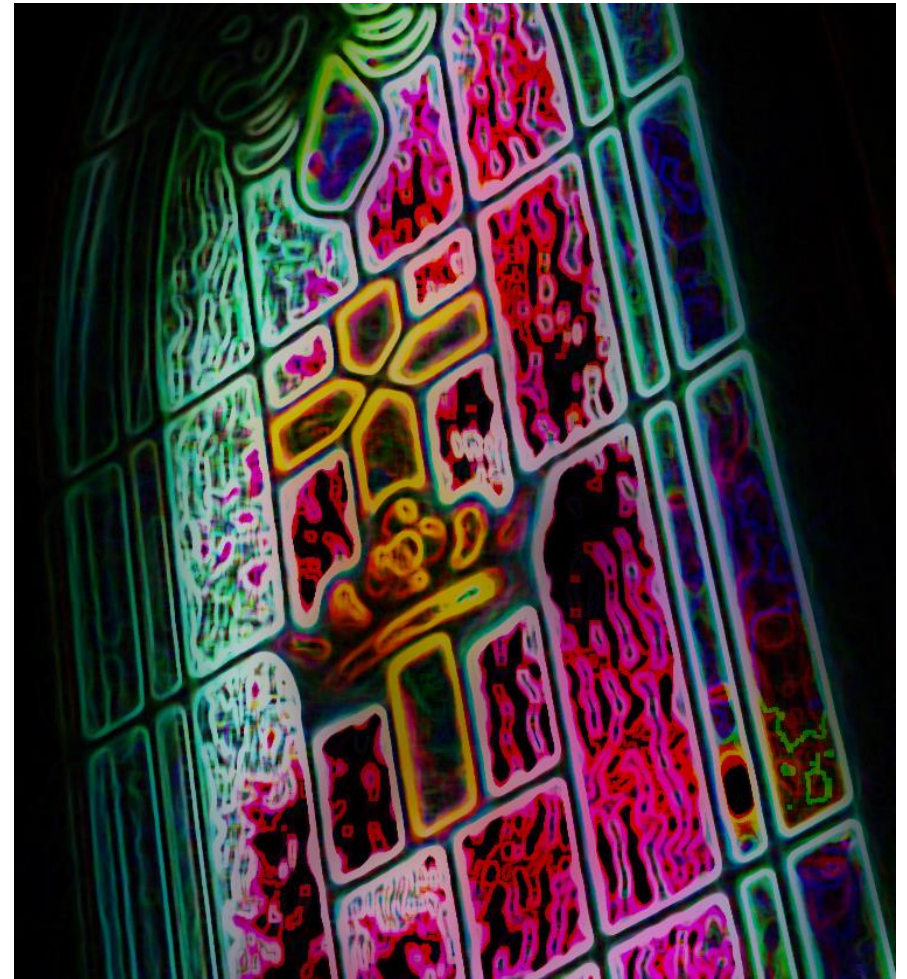
**Postlude**     Toccata from "Symphony No. 5"     C.M. WIDOR

*\*\* When the bell rings and the doors open, depart in JOY! \*\**

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### **Easter 2023 at PVPC**

April 9, 2023 – Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

We have been Seeking: Clarity, Connection,  
Wonder, Justice, Balance, the Sacred, Discipleship

This morning ... We find it all!