

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Softly and Tenderly

arr. MARK LOONEY

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Joel Weible

Leader: We love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind when we wash another's feet.

People: We love our neighbor as ourselves when we wash another's feet.

Leader: We love our enemies when we wash another's feet.

People: Lord, in your mercy, may we wash another's feet.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER.

***Hymn 693** Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

God, you embrace us in mercy and acceptance as we walk our earthly way. You walk alongside us asking us to come to you with our burdens. We find ourselves dirty and weary from the road we travel and the sorrow we bear. So we bring our tired bodies and weary souls to you: We bear the weight of hurt and rejection, and we feel the burden of the memory of hurting and rejecting others. We carry the sorrow and regret of actions left undone. We have not been humble; we have not put others first; we have not loved you, or our neighbors, or one another. Forgive us. Wash us clean and guide our feet in the way of 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: When we come to God in Christ with our burdens, we find rest for our bodies.

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

Leader: When we are gentle and humble in heart, we find rest for our souls.

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

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA! 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

Anthem The Gift of Love

HAL HOPSON

Scripture John 13:1-20

Sermon LOVING BY BEING LOVED

Patrick Long

***Hymn 300** We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering and Offertory

Offertory Day by Day

LINA SANDELL
composed in 1865

*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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Serving Communion: Patty Clark, Sis Sleadd, Patrick Long, Ron Warren

SENDING ...

Litany of Thanksgiving and Sending for Patrick Long (see insert)

*Hymn 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*Charge and Benediction

The Ringing of the Bell

Postlude I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

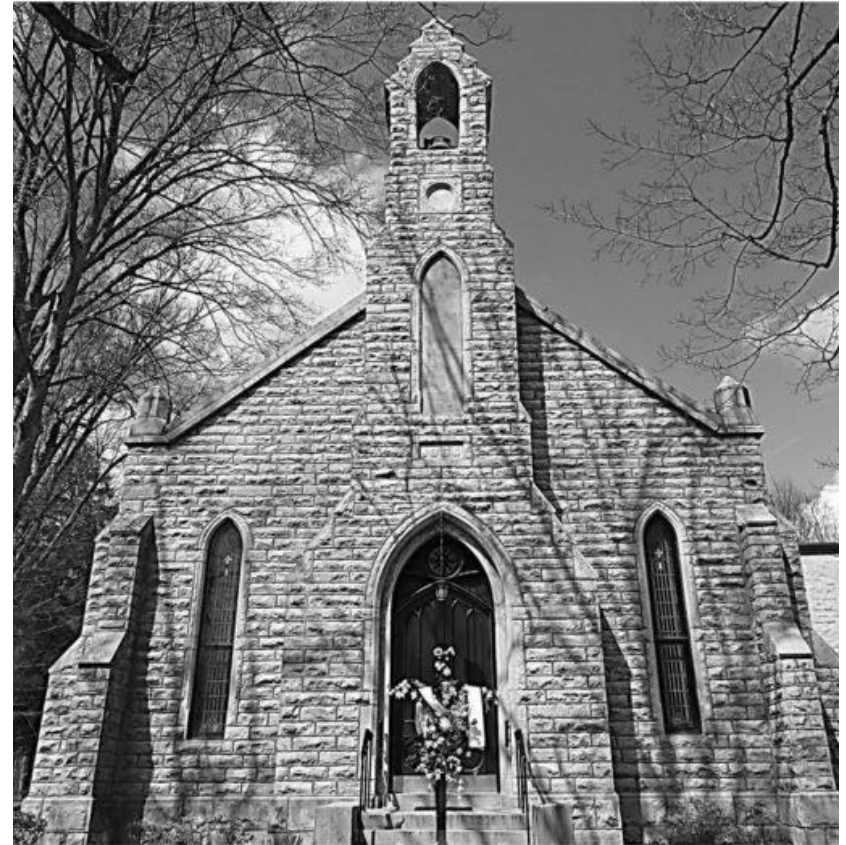
* Please stand in body or spirit

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Reverend Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website under the "Media" tab.

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***"We have found in this church a spiritual home
where we learn to serve others,
enjoy and glorify God,
celebrate differences,
and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ."***

Sunday Morning Worship

May 7, 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Friends, we dare not come to this table trusting in our own goodness or virtue.

People: Rather, we come knowing we need forgiveness and trusting God to grant it.

Leader: We come because we are hungry for meaning and need to be fed.

People: We come because Jesus Christ invited all who trust in his saving love to join him.

Invocation and 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.

God of spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain, we spread our wings in flight toward you. We stretch our arms in need of you. We feed ourselves with gifts from you.

We thank you for your love poured out as we sense your Spirit shining in the sunlight, sailing on the wind, and singing in the souls of each one gathered here.

Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today, that our lives might ignite a love to light the world wherever heavy hearts shiver in lonely cold.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 552

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy One, you speak to us in silence, yet all languages interpret you. Because you call us to be community, we are able to become gift to one another.

We remember and give thanks for those called out with a vision of possibility and new life.

We thank you especially for the gift of Jesus Christ, in whose life we find our call and through whose love we are saved.

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**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
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We thank you for the openness of all those who have dared to accept your call to be the bearer and nurturer of your Love made flesh. For it is in his name we pray ...

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)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing and because the outpoured cup has meant our life; because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls and we have here been graced by your presence, God: We give you thanks that our lives are renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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