

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude An American Tribute arr. C. CALLAHAN
 James Bates, trumpet

***Call to Worship** Linda Heleringer
Leader: If we come to this worship lonely or empty or frightened,
People: If we come with our inadequacies seeking God’s wholeness,
Leader: We will find God’s grace.
People: And from our self-imposed helplessness we will be freed
 by the Gospel’s power for love and justice.
ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER!

***Hymn 338** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have prejudices against people too deep to fully recognize. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of compassion. 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: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when we open ourselves to the gift of forgiveness.
People: God reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are God’s by grace!

People: With great joy we are made alive!

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

***Response, Hymn 59** The Steadfast Love of the Lord
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Passing of the Peace

HEARING ...

Sacred Space: Time for Young Disciples Pastor Joel

Anthem There Is a Redeemer KEITH GREEN
 James Bates, soloist

Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Sermon DISCERNING THE BODY AT PVPC #1
 Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 301** Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS
 (stanzas 1,3, and 5 only)

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from THE IONA COMMUNITY
We believe that God hopes and works for a world where all shall be included in the feast of life and that in Christ we see how costly it is to bring that world about.
We believe that God of all the earth is at work beyond the churches as well as within them, working for justice, so that all may have a say in what happens to them.
We long for the time when all who hunger and thirst for justice shall be satisfied and we believe that despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we *can* make a difference. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements
Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory O God, Show Mercy to Us

G. HOLST

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

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

O God, we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within our church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and fire us with energy to serve you well. Receive our humble gifts in the name of Christ, whose presence is certain when the Spirit is with us. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (*see insert*)

Servers: Patty Clark, Linda Heleringer, Connie Vice, Ron Warren

SENDING ...

***Hymn 331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory! arr. M. THOMPSON

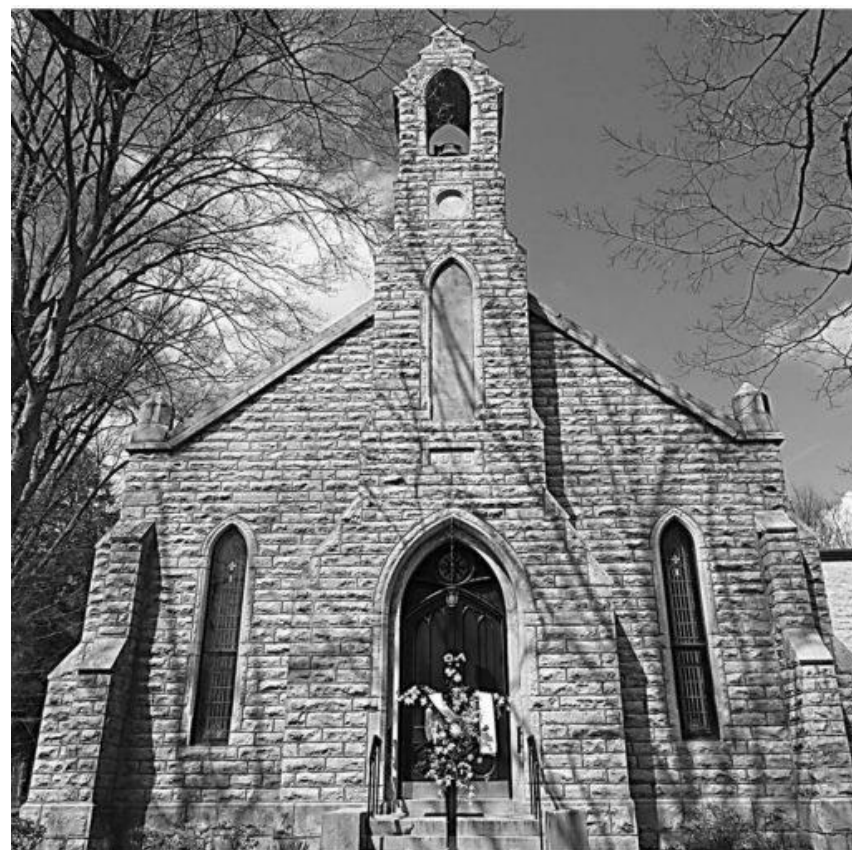
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

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

July 2, 2023 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The presence of the Spirit comes to us with unexpected brightness, often answering unspoken prayers.

People: We long to know the shining of the risen One among us.

Leader: Gathered here, we risk the hope that we can remake our lives with a bit of bread and a shared cup.

People: We seek a connection beyond understanding, a gleam of holiness in the Bread of Promise and the Cup of Joy.

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.

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 gifts 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.

Sung Response, Hymn No. 553

LAND OF REST

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer after the Sharing (*unison*)

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