

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring J.S. BACH

***Call to Worship** Rick Fletcher

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Leader: All who are thirsty will find a fountain of grace here.

People: All who are lost will find safety here.

Leader: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

People: All who are broken will find healing here.

Leader: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

People: This is the heavenly banquet and all are welcome here!

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***Hymn 827** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright J.S. BACH

Call to Confession and Prayer

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather here today as a rebellious people. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor Creation, but we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last through Jesus Christ. In his 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: With God, there is no chasm that cannot be bridged, no loss that cannot be recovered, no mistake that cannot be forgiven, and no life that cannot be redeemed.

People: By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven and the ability to begin again is ours.

Leader: Glory be to God who makes all things new!

People: Amen.

***Response 581** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space for Young Disciples Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem Come to the Table of the Lord J. ALTHOUSE

Scripture John 17:20-23

Sermon SO THE WORLD MAY KNOW Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 504** We Come as Guests Invited WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. (*continued on back*)

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy ARR. M. THOMPSON

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

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

One and Eternal God of time and space, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our tithes and offerings. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are *very* thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (see insert)

Serving Communion: Rick Fletcher, Patty Clark,
Ron Warren, Linda Heleringer

SENDING ...

***Hymn 508** For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** The "St. Anne" Fugue J.S. BACH

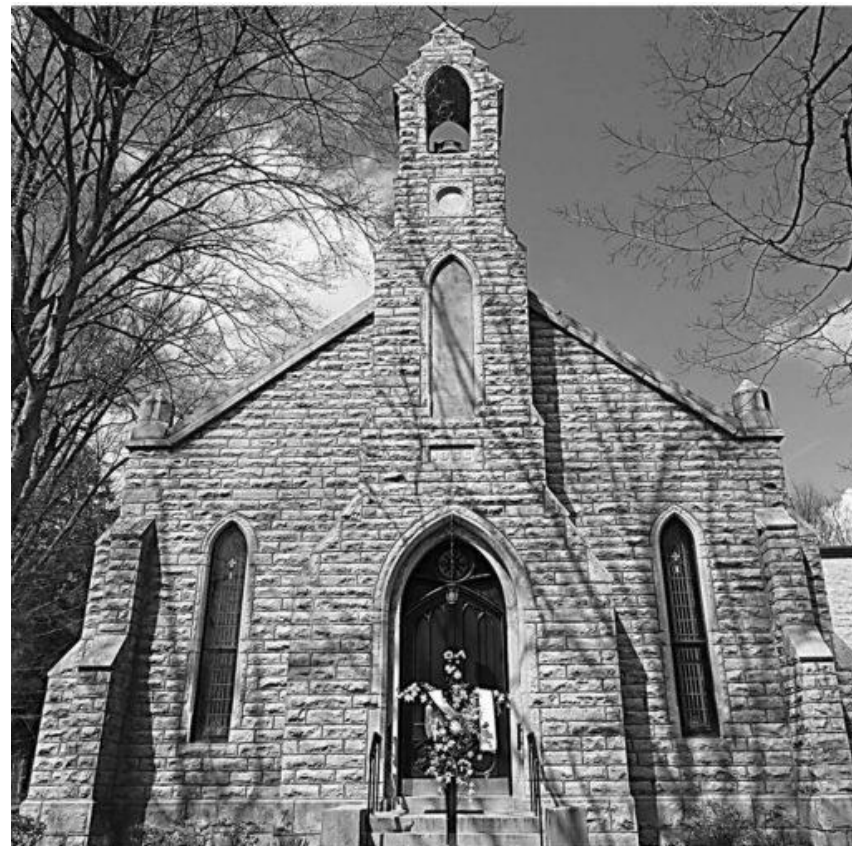
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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Reverend Joel Weible's sermons are posted on our website
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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

October 1, 2023 – World Communion Sunday

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Come to the table.

We come as guests invited.

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.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, on this World Communion Sunday we are reminded that you smile upon your whole creation – all those who will gather at this table and all those who may not. You call the whole world into being and pronounce it good.

Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone without regard for your intentions for all. Still, you chase after us to save us from our own harm.

When we chase after other gods, you call us back to you through cries of prophets, which we ignore, until at last you send your own child to be for us the goodness we refuse.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. Embodying God's desire to

bless all people, you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire and were chosen to be a blessing to all people.

When threatened with the terror of crucifixion, you did not lay down but stood up with resurrection life to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven, and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

So we forever proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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.**

Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church, to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world.

Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup.

Knit us more closely together in the fellowship of your sovereign way. Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace.

AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Words of Institution: 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*)

Dearest Lord, help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world in turmoil. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.