

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say JOHN DYKES

***Call to Worship** Patty Clark

Leader: In scripture, the law declares, “In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts.”

People: With grace, Jesus said, “Give one coat away.”

Leader: With honesty, Jesus taught, “Sell what you have, give that money to the poor.”

People: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

**ALL LET US WORSHIP WITH OPEN HEARTS SO WE
CAN WALK FREELY WITH GOD.**

***Hymn 395** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word J.S. BACH

Call to Confession and Prayer

Gracious God, we admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand. We put you in a box to avoid the shades of gray that come with faith. We put worship in a box to avoid the discomfort of change. We put ourselves in boxes labeled with gender expectations and societal norms. We put others in boxes labeled “worthy” and “unworthy.” We put all that we have in a box and pray we won’t run out. So in this moment, we confess to holding tight to fear, greed, and worldly structures. Forgive us for missing the point. Open our eyes to a new way— to a holiness found in open boxes, unclenched fists, shades of gray, and holy release. In gratitude, hear our silent prayers.

(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 544** Bless the Lord BLESS THE LORD

***Passing of the Peace**

HEARING ...

Sacred Space for Young Disciples Rev. Joel Weible

Anthem We Shall Gather at the River JOHN CARTER

Scripture Mark 10:17, 19-30

Sermon MONEY STORIES: Releasing Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 757** Today, We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD CMD

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) **We Release** *from A Sanctified Art Liturgy*
We believe that on the first day, God released love and creativity over a void; and that void became mountains and rivers, sunsets and starry nights.

We believe God released God’s people from the grips of slavery, liberating us day in and day out.
We believe God laid down with death and was released from its grip, knowing suffering and freeing us from this fragile life.

And we believe God invites us— day in and day out— to release our fears, let go of assumptions, tear down walls, throw open the doors, and walk closer to love. May it be so. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory How Great Thou Art

STUART LOONEY

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

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

Holy God, it is not always easy to give what we have. We count pennies, calculating what we have given before and reminding ourselves what we are giving to now. But we trust that you can take these gifts – however freely or reluctantly given – and use them to build a more beautiful world. We believe; help our unbelief, so *we* may help us to build your beautiful world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 31** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

AFRICAN AMERICAN
SPIRITUAL

** Please stand in body or spirit*

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STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2023

*“Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited **Money Stories** we have been telling ourselves?”*

Sunday Morning Worship

October 22, 2023 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost