

PEWEE VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

GATHERING ...

Gathering Music
The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

Prelude Sanctify Us, by Thy Goodness J.S. BACH

***Call to Worship** Margaret Hill

Leader: Can we imagine unfettered love – free, bold, wild, and true?

People: Yes, we can imagine.

Leader: Can you imagine a home – safe and bright, with dancing and laughter late into the night?

People: Yes, we can imagine.

Leader: Can you imagine faith like a compass that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;

People: A faith that asks questions and yet still believes?

Leader: Today in worship, let us dare to imagine what could be.

People: Let us pay attention, for God is here.

ALL: LET US WORSHIP HOLY GOD, THAT GREAT UNFETTERED LOVE TOGETHER.

***Hymn 23** God, You Spin the Whirling Planets PLEADING SAVIOR

Call to Confession and Prayer

God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world, but instead we bury our heads in the sand. We are afraid to recognize how much must change. We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then we know we have a job to do. So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo. We passively allow things to stay the same. We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day; we don't dream of a better world. Instead, we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change. Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream. Teach us to imagine again. In humility, 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 Give Me Jesus B. HARLAN

Scripture Luke 21:1-4

Sermon MONEY STORIES: Reimagining Rev. Joel Weible

***Hymn 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J.S. BACH

RESPONDING ...

***Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)* **We Reimagine** *from A Sanctified Art Liturgy*

We believe in God the Creator, who, like a painter with a canvas, imagined creation and breathed it into being.

We believe in Jesus, who many years later, walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us and pulls us, leads us and guides us, carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.

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And we believe in the power of imagination, a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams, create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope.

So in response, together, as God's church, we dare to dream. We strive to love. We try to imagine a new day. And we walk together, all with God's help. Amen.

Time of Giving Thanks

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. L. LEATHERMAN

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

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

Today, gracious God, for the widow of Jerusalem and for every person who cannot afford to give to the church *and* put food on the table, we offer our gifts. We pray that you would use them for your good. Right what is wrong. Balance the systems of injustice. Use these gifts to build the world that we can only imagine, but that you can bring forth. In hope we pray. Amen.

SENDING ...

***Hymn 694** Great God of Every Blessing AURELIA

***Charge and Benediction**

The Ringing of the Bell

***Postlude** Toccata and Fugue in D minor J.S. BACH

** 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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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 29, 2023 – Reformation Sunday