



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 11am
7th Sunday of Easter**

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

"The Peace May be exchanged"

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

All: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

One: Jesus loved his disciples, trusting them with his work on earth.

All: We live in that love and seek to serve God.

One: Jesus sends us to carry on Christ's work in the world.

All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to worship God!

THE CHURCH

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

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MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
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Call to Confession

The Rev. Katie Day

Prayer of Confession

God, too often we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith. Too often, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism. Too often, we live as if dependent wholly on

our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights. Too often, we look to the clouds for our inspiration, in the vain hope of finding you there. Forgive our lack of effort and the frailty of our faith. Open wide our hearts and minds to the presence of our risen, living and ascended Lord Jesus Christ in the habits of our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Katie

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Response

Thine Is the Glory
***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.***

*Passing of the Peace

Katie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

Katie

Prayer for Illumination

Jack Maguire

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-14

Jack Maguire

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Anthem

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

arr. Gordan Young

Scripture Reading

John 17:1-11

Jennie

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people,

to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Sermon

“God Prays Out Loud”

Jennie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

Jennie

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers

Jody

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Katie

To give: ● return to the PHPC Live webpage and click on the giving link or

● text givePHPC to 73256 or

● mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

Caring Hands Special Offering

● Return to the Pleasant Hill website and click on the giving link. Click on the dropdown menu for “Funds” and select “Caring Hands / Mother’s Day”

● Text givePHPC to 73256 and select “Caring Hands” from the funds menu

• Mail your offering to the church marked with "Caring Hands"
Prayer of Dedication

Katie

*Hymn 543

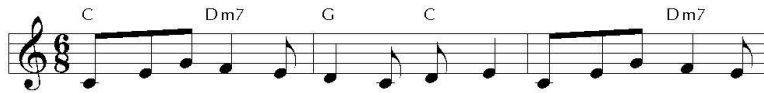
God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

SENDING

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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Following the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Katie

*Postlude

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach