



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Virtual Worship Service
Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 11am
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Kingdom of Dirt"**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Musical Meditation

in Gratitude for the Life of Jay Tutterow
*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

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Call to Worship

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether we are longtimers or latecomers in the life of faith,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#65

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772 CWM RHONDDA
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

Lord, your generosity surprises us. For you do not mete out grace according to how hard we work, or how often we worship, or how closely we follow the rules. No, you lavish grace upon us according to your own desire. But we insist on deciding who is deserving and who is not. We grumble that some receive too little while others have more than they deserve. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live with humility and gratitude so that our words and deeds might embody your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Katie

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

Jennie

Prayer for Illumination

Erik Mjorud

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145: 8-14

Erik

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Katie

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Sermon

Kingdom of Dirt: The Laborers in the Vineyard

Katie

Sealing the Word in Our Lives

The Sacrament of Communion

Jennie

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Celtic Laud

Pamela Martin & Craig

Courtney

*For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,
for bread and for wine, the gift of your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,
for coal in the fire, your Spirit in me,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

*For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,
for every new birth, for grace and for life,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.*

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.

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Offering

Jennie

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- text givePHPC to 73256 or
 - mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

Hymn

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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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

Glorious Majesty

By Lani Smith

Some of today's prayers are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* and *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*.