



Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 11am  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

*"Amazing Grace" arr. Jason Tonioli*

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

One: Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace—

**All: a family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.**

One: Children of God, come!

**All: The Lord Jesus gathers us in and calls us his own. Let us praise God!**

Hymn

*In Christ There is No East or West*

#317

THE CHURCH

# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

Call to Confession

Jennie

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, there is much we must confess. When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

Jennie

\*Passing of the Peace

Jennie

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

Lord, by the power of your Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to your Word of love, mercy, healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Anthem

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* arr. Mark Hayes  
Michael Meo, trumpet

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

Katie

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is

not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon What Would Jesus Learn? Katie

### **Responding to the Word**

Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of Belhar* Katie

We believe

- that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Prayers Jennie

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

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- return to [www.pleasanthillpc.org](http://www.pleasanthillpc.org) and click on the Giving tab or
  - text givePHPC to 73256 or
  - mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

Prayer of Dedication Katie

Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

## FORGIVENESS

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness  
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.  
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

## Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Katie

Postlude

*"It Is Well with My Soul"*  
*arr. Wilbur Held*

Hyoun Joo

Some of this morning's prayers are adapted from *Call to Worship*.