



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 11am  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

*“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Jason Tonioli*

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: Through heaven’s eyes, we are God’s people.

**All: And God calls us to freedom.**

One: Like Shiprah and Puah, Miriam and Pharaoh’s daughter,

**All: We make way for new life.**

One: Like Moses in front of the burning bush,

**All: We stand in awe on holy ground.**

One: Like the Israelites on the night before their Exodus,

**All: We remember where we came from.**

One: Like Miriam on the far side of the Red Sea,

**All: We sing and dance, celebrating God’s promises.**

One: Through heaven’s eyes, we are God’s people, called to worship our liberating God.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**Hymn 315**

*“In The Midst of New Dimensions”*

# 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

**Call to Confession**

Jennie

**Prayer of Confession**

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to see ourselves through your eyes. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace****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

**Confirmation Commissioning**

Jennie

**Anthem**

*"With A Voice of Singing"*  
by Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Exodus 14: 19-31

Katie

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch, the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the

waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

**Sermon**

“Through Heaven’s Eyes: Liberated Ones”

Katie

### **Responding to the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

Jennie

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

**Prayers**

Jennie

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

Katie

**Hymn 305**

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

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.

## Following the Word into the World

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

*"Blessed Be The Lord"*

by David Paxton

Hyoun Joo

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

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