



Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

"Give Thanks" arr. Bill Wolaver

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Katie Day

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

All: And God calls us to freedom.

One: Like Shiprah and Puaah, 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: Like God's people wandering in the wilderness,

All: We eat and drink our fill of God's abundance.

One: Like Moses receiving God's law,

All: We tremble before God's wisdom.

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

All: Let us worship God.

Hymn 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

37 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we forget that we are free, making idols of business and possessions. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, vulnerable. Forgive us when we consider humanity so central that we do harm to the world you created for us. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Assurance of Grace**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

Anthem*"When You Believe"**Choral arr. Audrey Snyder; Instrumental arr. John Moss*Duet: Anya Lucia
and Levi Phillips**Old Testament Scripture**

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Jennie

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Sermon*"Through Heaven's Eyes: Members of God's Community"*

Jennie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of FaithFrom *The Heidelberg Confession*, 1562

Jennie

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. “And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Q. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables. The first has four commandments, teaching us how we ought to live in relation to God. The second has six commandments, teaching us what we owe our neighbor.

Q. Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

A. First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God's image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.

Prayers

Katie

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

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 10*“Sing Glory to the Name of God”*

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the
 light. The wil - der - ness can -
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jennie

Postlude

“Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfare”
by Jean Joseph Mouret

Hyoun Joo

Some of this morning's prayers are adapted from *Feasting on the Word*.
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