



Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, July 11, 2021  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

*Hymn*

Hyoun Joo Song

arr. Douglas Wagner

Katie

Call to Worship:

(adapted from Shel Silverstein's poem "Invitation")

One: If you are a dreamer,

All: come in.

One: If you are hope-er, a lover, a sinner,

All: If you are a loser, if you are a winner,

One: If you are a pray-er, believer, perceiver

All: come into this church. Come in! Come in!

One: Come in to worship, to ponder, to doubt,

All: Come in and be welcomed; no one is left out.

Hymn 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

THE CHURCH

## 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff uses a treble clef and common time (indicated by a '4'). The middle staff uses a bass clef and common time. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

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

The second section of lyrics is:

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

The third section of lyrics is:

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**

Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you say to us, “Everyone’s in,” and yet we respond, “That can’t possibly be true.” You say to us, “All are welcome,” and yet we draw lines and close doors.

Change our hearts and minds. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, in our communities and country, and around the world. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace****The Word Read and Proclaimed****Children's Sermon**

Jennie

**Passing of the Peace**

Jennie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

**Anthem***All Creatures of Our God and King*

Michael Garrett

**Prayer for Illumination**

Michael

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 24

Michae

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

**Second Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 2:11-22

Katie

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— 12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile

both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Sermon**

"Turning Me into Us: Come In"

Katie

**Responding to the Word****Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4 65- 11.6*

Katie

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayers of the People****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.

**Hymn 754**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts with G major, followed by Em, Am7, B7, and C major. The second staff starts with C major, followed by G, A, A7, and D major. The third staff starts with G major, followed by Em, Am7, B7, and C major. The fourth staff starts with C major, followed by G, Em, D7, and G major. The lyrics are integrated with the chords above them.

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, for jus - tice and for bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep-tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

we are our-selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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## Invitation to Offering

Jennie

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## Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

## **Following the Word into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Hyoun Joo

arr. Timothy Albrecht

Parts of this morning's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*,  
*and Shel Silverstein's poem, "Invitation."*

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