



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, October 31, 2021  
Reformation Day**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

Sweet Hour of Prayer  
arr. Joel Raney

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship:**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

(adapted from *The Scots Confession*, 3.01)

One: We confess and acknowledge one God alone – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

All: **We confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, sustained, and guided by God's providence.**

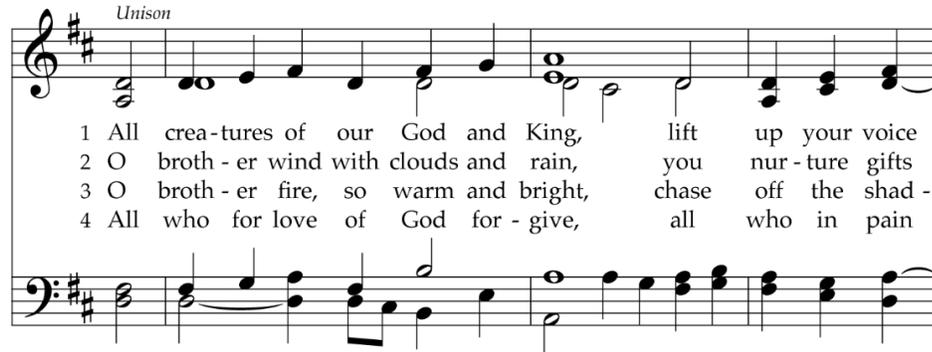
One: And so we seek to boldly live the image of God in service and worship putting our whole trust in the wisdom, goodness, and justice of God.

All: Let us praise God with our mouths, and worship with our lives, making manifest the glory of the Lord.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

## 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*



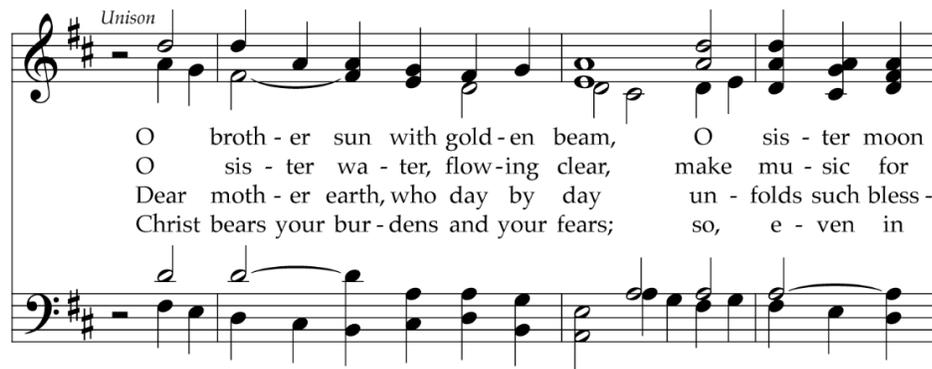
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluias  
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

(adapted from *The Nicene Creed, 1.2*)

Let us now confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in our one Lord, Jesus Christ, who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, was incarnate and became human, suffered, died, and rose again. Jesus did all this for us, so we may rest assured in his promise of forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession**(adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4*)

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge that we belong to you alone. We speak of trusting you and we gratefully accept your gift of grace and love. Yet so often we stop there. In a broken and fearful world, our courage fails to witness to your love in the tradition of the prophets. We love our institutions too much to unmask their idolatries. We do not seek peace in all our relationships because we are caught up in cycles of hurt. We are not ready for the consequences of truly listening to the silenced voices of our society. Have mercy on us. Expand our horizons to see all people as neighbors, and inspire us again through your Word. Love us into becoming people of your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**(adapted from *The Heidelberg Catechism Q1, 4.001*)

Our comfort in life and in death is that we belong, body and soul, to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus, by his own life and death, has conquered the power of sin in the world, and by the Holy Spirit assures us of eternal life. This is not simply assurance of a life to come but even now the Spirit leads us to live a life wholeheartedly unto God. In these promises we trust God's forgiveness, and are at peace.

**Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.****The Word Read and Proclaimed****Children's Sermon**

Jennie

**Anthem**

*A Mighty Fortress*  
arr. Joel Raney

**Prayer for Illumination**

Jody

(adapted from *The Larger Catechism, Q4. 7.114*)

God, as we read these scriptures, may they make manifest your glory bearing witness to our hearts your word for us this day. As we engage your word, may the Spirit comfort us and build us up to be bearers of your light in the world. In all things, guide us in discerning your will for

our lives, responsibly carrying your word into the world, and walking boldly in your way. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Jennie

6 Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, 2 so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.[a] 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem[b] on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Scripture Reading**

Romans 3:19-28

Katie

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ[a] for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement[b] by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.[c]

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**Sermon**

*A Past Reformed, A Future Reforming: Katharina Von Bora Luther*

Katie

**Responding to the Word**

## Affirmation of Faith

Jody

### *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer for the People

Jody

(adapted from *Confession of Belhar, 10.3*)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; and that we pray together, knowing and bearing one another's burdens.

### **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 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

## Invitation to Offering

Jennie

(adapted from *The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029*)

All things are governed by the providence of God. We believe that God cares and provides for us out of loving-kindness and mercy, and we respond in gratitude.

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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

(adapted from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.14*)

God of all creation, just as Jesus Christ is the assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also your mighty claim upon our whole life. Therefore, we give to you these gifts and our lives to be used in the service of your love. May all that we do testify that we belong to you and you alone, and all our works be dedicated to the witness of your kingdom. Amen.

## Following the Word into the World

### Charge and Benediction

Katie

(adapted from *The Confession of 1967, 9.55-9.57*)

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us all. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. "Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

### Postlude

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
arr. Tim Albrecht

Hyoun Joo

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