

Celebration of the Lord's Day

September 10, 2017

*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning.
As the candles are lit and the baptismal waters are poured,
let us recognize God's presence among us.*

Prelude "Song of Peace" Russell Meyer
Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Dave Fry

Introit Hymn 729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Call to Worship Dave

***Hymn 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Jennie Sankey

Response (tune 108)

Open now Your gates of beauty, Spirit let me enter there
Where my soul in joyful duty, waits for God who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace;
Filled with solace, light, and grace.

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie

Although God's goodness exceeds the bounds of our imagination, we trust in that goodness. In Jesus Christ, we have seen that God goes on loving when love seems impossible, goes on forgiving when sin is unforgiveable.

Through the Spirit, God calls us out of the narrow confines of living for ourselves to enter the broad expanse of grace, so that we may face life with the resilience of faith and encounter others with good will.

Hoping for what God has in mind for the human race and for all creation, we commit ourselves again to the goodness shown in the one we affirm as our Lord and Savior. We believe that his prayer, "Thy kingdom come" will be answered. God's promise cannot fail. (tune: #353)

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand. Amen.

Children's Sermon Dave
(Distribution of Worship Bags)

Anthem (11:00) "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Chancel Choir
Gordon Young

Prayers
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Andy Acton
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.

If you've been looking for a way to give your life more meaning or a purpose that really matters, being part of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church may be it.

Belonging to this church means being part of a miracle of new life.

We're holding an **UpGrade Seminar** on Sunday, Sept. 24th for people who want to become members, using their passion and energy to make a difference.

Write "UpGrade" on the registration pad or contact Dr. Dave Fry at dave@pleasanthillpc.org.

Prayer for Illumination (tune # 108)

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear You; let your will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near You, while You here your people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes.
Here is balm for all our woes.

Scripture Mark 1: 16-20 Andy

Sermon "Follow That Rabbi!"

***Hymn 720** "Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Offering

Please take a moment to sign the registration pad in your pew so we can welcome you personally.

Prayer of Dedication Jennie

Offertory Hymn (8:30) "Blessed Jesus, We Are Here", J.S. Bach Russell

Response Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here below;
praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
(*Or "God")

***Benediction** (tune 317) Dave

Pastor: Depart in peace to do God's will; walk ever in the light.
For Christ is with you evermore, to guide you day and night.

All: Through Christ I am a child of God, who dearly loves us all.
We go in peace to share God's love, we live to heed God's call.

Postlude "Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 2" Russell
Felix Mendelssohn

A minister is available in the Prayer Chapel for one-on-one prayer following the worship service.

**Please stand in body or spirit*



Announcement: We welcome today Russell Meyer, who is serving as our guest organist. Hyoun Joo Song is visiting family in Korea and will return on Sunday, September 24th.

Ushers: (8:30) Roy Daniell, Laura Sanders, Doug Langdon; (11:00) Robert Armstrong, Chris Briley, Lyn Ferraiolo, Matt Hoffman, Dave Huffman, Greg Thurlow, Donnie Stone

In silent service counting today's offering: Debbie Fry, Ivie Goorsky, Pat Falk, Pat and George Welch, Franklin Ndikum

Fellowship Table Hosts: Pat Welch, Kathleen Webb, Nancy Blazewick, Saif Khan

Extended Session: Deb and Dick LoPresti

Acolytes: (11:00) Ben and Nora Badinger

Bulletin Assembly: Beth Wilson

The tune for Hymn # 720 (following the sermon today) contains great words, but it was sung so poorly in my childhood church, the hymn may never recover from the trauma.

We made it sound like being called as Christ's follower was one of the saddest things that could happen to a person.

We conveyed none of the joy nor the energy that following Christ generates.

Today, let's try an alternative tune. Each of these fits the words. You choose.

Text the single letter "A", "B" or "C" to 817-721-1814.

A) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#611)

B) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (#475)

C) Leave it as is and stick with "Jesus Calls Us".

We'll announce a winner at the close of the sermon.