

Sunday, March 22, 2020 Livestream Worship Service
Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
4th Sunday of Lent -11 a.m.

Prelude *"I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ!"* by J. S. Bach Hyoun Joo Song

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Susan Haynes

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship "Some Questions You Might Ask"
by Mary Oliver Rev. Jody Andrade

Is the soul solid, like iron?
Or it is tender and breakable, like the wings of a moth in the beak of an owl?
Who has it, and who doesn't?
I keep looking around me.
The face of the moose is as sad as the face of Jesus.
The swan opens her white wings slowly.
In the fall, the black bear carries leaves into the darkness.
One question leads to another.
Does it have a shape? Like an iceberg?
Like the eye of a hummingbird?
Does it have one lung, like the snake and the scallop?
Why should I have it, and not the anteater who loves her children?
Why should I have it, and not the camel?
Come to think of it, what about the maple trees?
What about the blue iris?
What about all the little stones, sitting alone in the moonlight?
What about roses, and lemons, and their shining leaves?
What about the grass?

Hymn 624 *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
 who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
5 Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

Call to Confession**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble against the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.

We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.

We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.

Merciful, God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.

Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: This is God's good news for all.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing the Word**Children's Sermon**

Jody

Prayer of Illumination

Susan

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with

everyone who is born of the Spirit.’⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
16 ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

“Born Again”

Responding to the Word

Prayers

Jody

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Jody

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Hymn 634

“To God Be the Glory”

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory:

great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be,
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

(Refrain)

Sending Out the Word

Benediction

Susan

Postlude

“Whoever Lets Our Dear God Rule” by J.S. Bach