



Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 11am
Unraveled Series, Week 2

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Simple Gifts

arr. Joseph Martin

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: God, you are a God of invitation.

All: You invited Abraham to follow you.

One: You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

All: You invited the children to draw near.

One: You invited Peter to walk on water.

All: You invited the tax collector to dinner.

One: You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

All: Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

One: Give us the strength to say yes.

All: Let us worship God.

THE WORD

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

God of the wind and the sea, you invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that. You invite us to move—to change and take a risk— but we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief. Amen.

Response

Come and Find the Quiet Center, Stanza 1

***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

Assurance of Grace

Jennie

*Passing of the Peace

Jennie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

Jennie

Prayer for Illumination

Jody

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Katie

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Sermon

Unraveled by Uncertainty

Katie

Ordination and Installation of Elders

Reaffirmation of Baptism

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

All: I do.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

All: I will.

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.

Questions for the Congregation

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Henry Armstrong, Mickey Armstrong, Nancy Blazewick, Beth Goodenberger, Ralph Griffin, Kim Klein, Dale Murphy, Paul Shane, and Carol Ann Stough as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do

One: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Prayers

Jody

Sung Prayer

Come and Find the Quiet Center, Stanza 3
***In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
 Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
 There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
 In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.***

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.

Invitation to Offering

Jennie

To give: ● return to the PHPC Live webpage and click on the giving link or

- text givePHPC to 73256 or
- mail your offering to the church – 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096

Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

*Hymn

Faith Begins By Letting Go #684

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Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

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Following the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Katie

*Postlude

He who allows dear God to rule

J. S. Bach

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