



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 11am  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Kingdom of Dirt” Week 2**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

*Ancient Words*

by Lynn DeShazo

Call to Worship

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**All: Even as we are apart, we gather in spirit around table, font, and pulpit  
to root ourselves in sacred story and grow in faith.**

One: God's teachings are our heritage; they bring joy to searching hearts.

**All: We gather in God's presence to offer our thanks and praise!**

ADORATION

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;  
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, we welcome your word when life is simple. But as soon as we face challenge, we forget your teachings and our faith withers. At times, we clamor for worldly wealth and power, and your word is choked out of our hearts. Weed out our resistance and water us with your grace, that your word might grow within us and we might bear fruit for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.**

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

Doug Langdon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 119: 105-112

Doug

*From the Artscroll English Tanach translation*

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. I have sworn, and I will fulfill, to keep your righteous ordinances. I am exceedingly afflicted; O Adonai, preserve me in accordance with your word. Please accept with favor the offerings of my mouth, O Adonai, and teach me your ordinances. My life is always at risk, but I did not forget your Torah. The wicked laid a snare for me, but I did not stray from your precepts. I have taken your testimonies as my eternal heritage, for they are the joy of my heart. I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes, forever, to the utmost.

Anthem

*Thy Word*

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Katie

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Sermon

Kingdom of Dirt: The Sower

Katie

## Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

from *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, 1647

Katie

**There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of God’s own immutable and most righteous will, for God’s own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek. The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for God’s own glory, humanity’s salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture. Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, all which are given by inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life.**

Prayers

Jennie

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

Katie

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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

Katie

Hymn

*God of the Fertile Fields*

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## God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

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 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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ITALIAN HYMN  
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## Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Katie

Postlude

*Postlude on BEATA NOBIS GAUDIA*

by Robert Powell

Some of this morning's prayers are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion* and *Call to Worship*.

