

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church Online Worship Service Sunday, October 18, 2020 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Hyoun Joo Song

arr. Jason Tonioli

Call to Worship The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: Holy God, you have made us in your image,

All: and we belong to you alone.

One: Therefore we gather in worship to offer ourselves to you,

All: in boldness and freedom we serve, love, and praise you.

One: Use us for the glory of your realm

All: and the good of your people, all of creation. The heavens declare

the glory of God! The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

Hymn 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

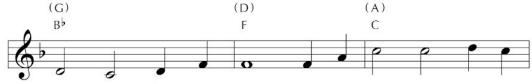
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



- 1 God, whose giv ing knows no end ing, from your rich and
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press ing toward the goals of
- 3 Trea sure, too, you have en trust ed, gain through powers your



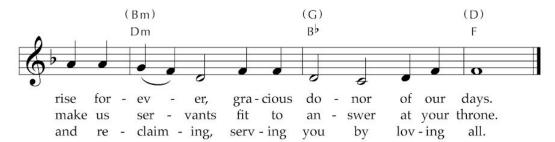
end - less store, na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost-ly Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac-es grace con-ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by we turn you, Now di - rect joined, the church made one. our dai - ly gos - pel O - pen wide spread the word. hands in our



to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents, shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

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 of Illumination Ben Badinger

First Scripture Reading Acts 28, selected verses

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Three months later Paul and the apostles set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island of Malta. We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.

Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor—even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and freedom.

Anthem

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Paul Shane and Brian Ireland

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 25-33

Katie

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

"With All Boldness and Freedom"

Katie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Katie

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.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Jody

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.

A Moment for Stewardship

Katie

Invitation to Offering

Jennie

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Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

Hymn 463

"How Firm a Foundation"



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.

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction Katie

Postlude "God Be Praised and Glorified" by Heinrich Scheidemann

Hyoun Joo

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