



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Sankey

The Rev. Jennie

Introit

Sanctuary
arr. Carol Tornquist

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Katie Day

One: Siblings in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?

All: We bring hope for health and wholeness.

One: What affliction do you bring to worship?

All: From illness and injury. Difficult life situations. Disease and dis-ease of many kinds.

One: With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!

All: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.

One: And where does the miracle of our stories begin?

All: When we bring all of who we are—hopeful, afflicted, bold—into relationship with the Divine.

One: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves:

All: Hopeful, afflicted, and bold—Come, let us worship!

Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

O Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us – if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray! Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing in the midst of our own afflictions. You whisper to us that wholeness requires self-care and rest; You nudge us toward caregivers who can support and advise us; You breathe into us energy to move and stretch and reach toward health; You place in us an urgency to seek justice so that all may enjoy adequate care; Renew our spirits in the midst of our pain. Transform us, O Whole-y One, for the health of your creation. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Katie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Jody Andrade

Prayer for Illumination

Sherrill Kirch

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

Sherrill

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Anthem

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir
Michael Meo, trumpet

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 21-28

Jennie

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

"Claimed and Called: Authority"

Jennie

Responding to the Word**Affirmation of Faith** (in unison)*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

Jennie

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People

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. 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

Jody

To give: ● return to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab;

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

Prayer of Dedication

Jody

Hymn 440*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

FORGIVENESS

440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near-er wa - ters roll, while the temp-est still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with-in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous-ness.
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de-fense-less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 Spring thou up with-in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jennie

Postlude

Glorious Majesty
by Lani Smith

Hyoun Joo

This morning's liturgy is adapted from *Worship Ways* and *Feasting on the Word*.
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