



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, February 7, 2021  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

*Give Thanks*  
arr. Bill Wolaver

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Jennie

Sankey

One: Let us worship and sing praises to God,

**All: for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!**

One: God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

**All: God gives the stars their names**

One: and makes grass grow on the hills.

**All: Let us hope in God's steadfast love and worship God together!**

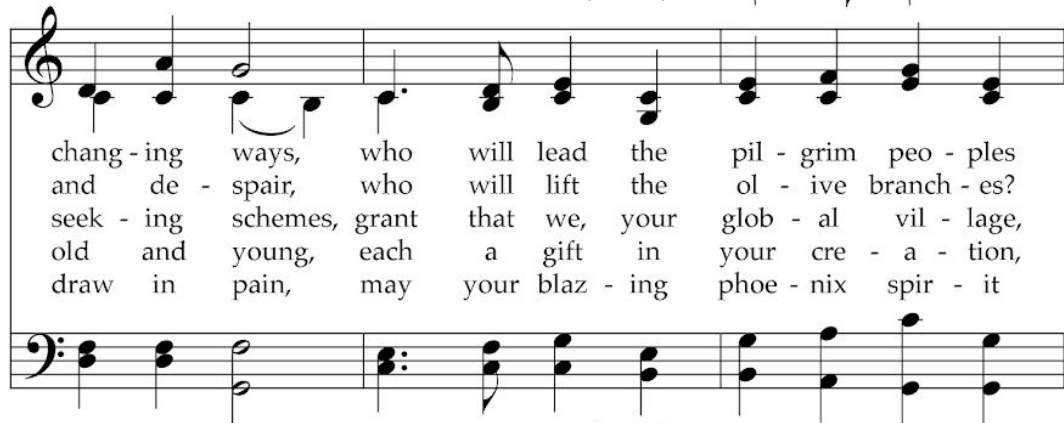
**Hymn 315**

*"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

## 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

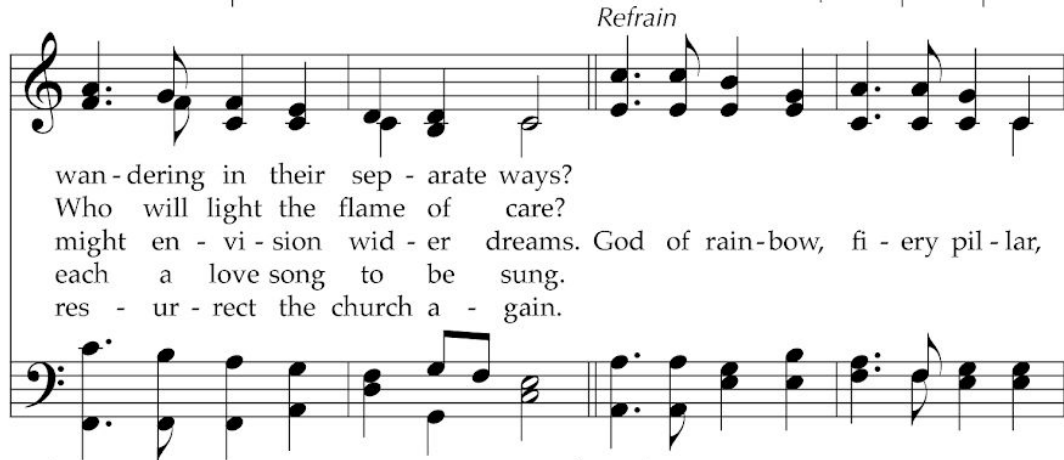


1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung,  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

**Call to Confession**

Jennie

**Prayer of Confession**

O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing. 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**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

**Prayer for Illumination**

Robin Prater

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Robin

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

Mark 1: 29-39

Katie

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Sermon** "Claimed and Called: Serving and Searching" Katie

### **Sealing the Word in Our Lives**

#### **The Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

Jennie

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Anthem**

*In Remembrance of Me*  
arr. Beryl Reed

Chancel Choir

**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.

### **Responding to the Word**

**Invitation to Offering**

Jennie

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**Prayer of Dedication**

Jennie

**Hymn 543**

*"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

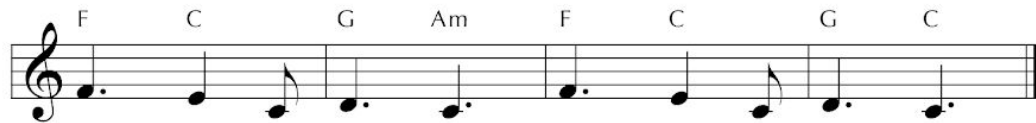
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

## Following the Word into the World

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

*Postlude on BEATA NOBIS GAUDIA*  
arr. Robert Powell

Hyoun Joo

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