



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

How Great Thou Art
Arr. Jason Tonioli

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Jennie

Sankey

One: From water to wilderness:

All: God's everlasting covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: On stone and in hearts:

All: God's everlasting covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

All: God's everlasting covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

One: We follow Jesus on this Lenten journey,

All: for where he is, we would be also.

Hymn 166

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

Call to Confession

Jennie

Prayer of Confession

Rainbow God, in the story of the flood we see you turn from black-and-white judgment to the many-hued possibilities between you and your creation. Turn us too, O God. Disarm us through your flowing grace. Submerge us in your saving love. Let our actions drip the gentle rain of your mercy, so that at the last we might hear you name us your people, with whom you are well-pleased. 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**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

Prayer for Illumination

Keith Funderburk

First Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 9-15

Keith

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Anthem

The Heavens are Telling
Joseph Haydn, from 'The Creation'

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Katie

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Sermon

“Everlasting: The Beginning”

Katie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

Katie

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Jennie

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

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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

Jennie

Hymn 15

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ows of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Katie

Postlude

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ
by J.S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

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