



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent
Gathering Around the Word**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jody Andrade

Introit

"Open Your Eyes/Be Thou My Vision"
arr. Mark Hayes

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Katie Day

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 51

"To Abraham and Sarah"

51 To Abraham and Sarah

I Will Be Your God

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
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This hymn condenses the narrative of Genesis 17:1–22 and grounds it in the recurring statement of the covenant relationship between God and the people God has chosen. This Welsh tune also occurs in a minor version called LLANGLOFFAN, used elsewhere in this hymnal (see no. 362).

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

O Faithful God, give us the faith of Abram and Sarai, who trusted in the promise you made but had not yet fulfilled. We lack our ancestors' patience, their belief in the impossible. During this time of trial, we turn away from You and worship immediate gratification, fleeting pleasures, and temporary thrills. Steel us against those temptations, Holy God. For we too hold a promise, and wait for you to come again, to make all things well, to wipe away every tear from our eyes. Come, our Way, our Truth, our Life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Anthem

"Lord, I Know I Been Changed"

PHPC Chancel Choir

arr. Larry Shackley

Prayer for Illumination

Jillian Zinn

First Scripture Reading

Romans 4: 13-25

Jillian

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for

his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Second Scripture Reading Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Jody

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Sermon "Everlasting: Covenant Clarity" Jody

Responding to the Word

Introduction of Confirmation Class of 2021 Jennie

Video Recording of Confirmands' Faithments

Ben Badinger, Kayla Branson-Dixon, Mark Rogers, and Maggie Woolley

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Jennie

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 life everlasting. Amen.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Katie

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

- To give
- return to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab, or
 - text givePHPC to 73256, or
 - mail your offering to the church: 3700 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA 30096.

Prayer of Dedication

Katie

Hymn 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

Charge and Benediction

Jody

Postlude

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”
arr. Paul Manz

Hyoun Joo

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