



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

*Sanctuary*  
arr. Carol Tornquist

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

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 462**

*I Love to Tell The Story*

## 462 I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry  
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**Call to Confession**

Jody

**Prayer of Confession**

O God who so loves this world, sometimes we come to you by night or in crisis, and the encounter is not what we hope. Sometimes you leave us with more questions than answers. Sometimes our pain doesn't kill us, but it still hurts us. In such times, sit with us patiently, God, and give us faith to trust your promise that you came not to condemn the world but to save it. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace****Passing of the Peace**

Jody

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Gay Madden

**First Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the

immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Anthem**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
American folk hymn, c. 1811

Ralph and Pam Griffin

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 3: 14-21

Katie

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**Sermon**

“Everlasting: For the Love of God”

Katie

**Responding to the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

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.

**Invitation to Offering**

Jody

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**Prayer of Dedication**

Jody

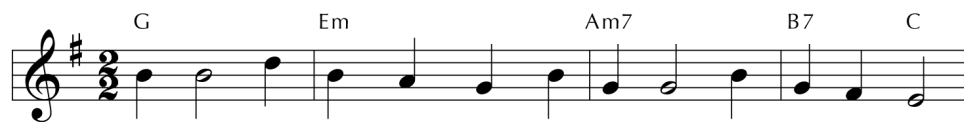
**Prayers of the People**

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.

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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## Following the Word into the World

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

*Little Prelude and Fugue in G minor*  
 by J. S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

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