



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Eastertide**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

A Mighty Fortress
arr. Joel Raney

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship

The Rev. Katie Day

One: When we walk the pathways of destruction,

All: We are met by the God of deliverance.

One: When we wonder if there is anything we can do,

All: We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.

One: When we gather to worship,

All: We proclaim God's active presence, among us now.

Hymn 819

Be Still My Soul

819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not aligned ourselves with your ways. We cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. We become giddy with power and abuse the rights of others. We hold tight to privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are prone to disobedience. Hear us and respond with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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

Deb LoPresti

First Scripture Reading

Judges 5: 1-13

Deb LoPresti

Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:
“When locks are long in Israel, when the people offer themselves willingly - bless the Lord! Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the Lord I will sing, I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel. “Lord, when you went out from Seir, when you marched from the region of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens poured, the clouds indeed poured water. The mountains quaked before the Lord, the One of Sinai, before the Lord, the God of Israel. In the days of Shamgar son of Anath, in the days of Jael, caravans ceased and travelers kept to the byways. The peasantry prospered in Israel, they grew fat on plunder, because you arose, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel. When new gods were chosen, then war was in the gates. Was shield or spear to be seen among forty thousand in Israel? My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the Lord. Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets and you who walk by the way. To the sound of musicians at the watering places, there they repeat the triumphs of the Lord, the triumphs of his peasantry in Israel. Then down to the gates marched the people of the Lord. Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, lead away your captives, O son of Abinoam. Then down marched the remnant of the noble; the people of the Lord marched down for him against the mighty.”

Anthem

Almighty Father
by Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Judges 4: 1-10

Jennie

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Sermon

"Faces of Our Faith: Deborah"

Jennie

Responding to the Word**Affirmation of Faith**Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.32-33

Jennie

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission, involves the church in the common life of all people, and commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Faces of Our Faith at PHPC

Vanessa Cartier-Craddock

Prayers of the People

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.

Hymn 246*Christ is Alive!*

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Invitation to Offering

Katie

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Prayer of Dedication

Katie

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jennie

Postlude

He Who Allows Dear God to Rule

by J.S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

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