



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

**Introit**

*“Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision”*  
arr. Mark Hayes

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 22*

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

**All: Those who seek God shall praise the Lord. May their hearts live forever!**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

**All: And all the families of the nations shall worship before God.**

One: For dominion belongs to the Lord.

**All: God rules over the nations.**

One: We shall live for the Lord.

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

**Hymn 772**

*Live Into Hope*

772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

**Call to Confession**

Jennie

**Prayer of Confession**

God of openness and honesty, your steadfast love and desire to forgive provides us courage to face the wrongs we have done. We admit that we have damaged our relationships and wounded those who have loved us. We have hidden our true selves from others and from you. We have looked away from the stranger; we have forgotten to love the earth. We have pushed your priorities aside and refused to let your teachings question what we do. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to clear thinking, that we may live in the light and be shaped by the things that bring life. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. 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. Jennie Sankey

**Anthem**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Lloyd Larson

Pam and Ralph Griffin

**Prayer for Illumination**

Tim Sullivan

**First Scripture Reading**

Romans 5: 1-5

Tim

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**Second Scripture Reading**

Acts 8: 26-40

Jody

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they

came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Sermon**

"Faces of Our Faith: The Ethiopian Eunuch"

Jody

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

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

**Invitation to the Table**

Jennie

**Pastoral Prayer**

Jody

**Words of Institution**

**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**

#### **Affirmation of Faith\***

Jody

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;  
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day;  
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day;  
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials;  
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day;  
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, you have always lightened this darkness of mine,  
and though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe,  
and though you be silent, today I believe.

#### **Faces of Our Faith at PHPC**

Mark Goodson

#### **Hymn 353**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

**Invitation to Offering**

Jennie

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**Prayer of Dedication**

Jennie

**Following the Word into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

Jody

**Postlude**

*Glorious Majesty*  
by Lani Smith

Hyoun Joo

*\*Today's Affirmation of Faith comes from [Common Prayer, A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals](#) by Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, 2012.*

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