

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church Online Worship Service Sunday, June 20, 2021 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

# **Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements** 

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Hyoun Joo Song

Introit Gabriel's Oboe

**Ennio Morricone** 

Call to Worship The Rev. Steve Sankey

One: The winds and the waves are no match for our God.

All: Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.

One: In the midst of the storms of our lives,

All: let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.

Hymn 720 Jesus Calls Us



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

Call to Confession Jennie

## **Prayer of Confession**

Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

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 Jennie

Anthem Create in Me Chancel Choir

by Terre Johnson

Prayer for Illumination Isaac Assan-Mensah

# First Scripture Reading Job 38: 1-11 Isaac

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 4: 35-41

Steve

Jennie

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## Responding to the Word

**Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.16-17

Steve

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

## **Prayers of the People**

Jennie

## Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

#### 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 838** 

Standing on the Promises

#### Standing on the Promises king, 1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my the prom - is - es 2 Stand - ing on that can fail, not of Christ 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es the Lord, 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es can - not fall, through e - ter - nal ges let his prais - es ring; a and fear when the howl - ing storms of doubt sail, bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord, tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call, the high - est, will shout glo ry in sing, liv - ing Word the of God Ι shall vail, by pre -Spir ver-com - ing dai - ly with the it's sword, Sav my ior all all, ing in as my the prom - is - es God. stand - ing on stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. the prom - is - es stand - ing on of God. the prom - is - es stand - ing on God. of

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).



Invitation to Offering Jennie

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Steve

## **Prayer of Dedication**

# Following the World into the World

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Postlude on Beata Nobis Gaudia Hyoun Joo by Robert Powell

This morning's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *Call to Worship*.

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