



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Introit**

*I Vow to Thee, My Country*  
arr. Eric Thiman

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship**

Jennie

One: We come today, not to merely go through the motions of worship. Clear our minds...

**All: (point to temples) That You would fill our thoughts.**

One: Focus our eyes...

**All: (point to eyes) That we might see You.**

One: Open our ears...

**All: (point to ears) That we might listen to You and to one another**

One: We came not to put on a show of our devotion to you, but with humble and heart-shattered lives ready for your love.

**All: (place hand over heart) Breathe holiness into our lungs and our lives.**

One: Let us worship God.

**All: Really, truly and deeply.**

**Hymn 20**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,  
 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev-ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

One of a series of hymns the author wrote for children on the Apostles' Creed, this text (originally in seven stanzas) expands "Maker of heaven and earth." The first stanza became the refrain when the text was later set to a popular tune from the age of King Charles II.

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Prayer of Confession**

Creator of an intricately interwoven creation, we don't always make or see the connections we should. We forget that we are part of an interconnected world and that our actions impact that world. Help us to remember that we are part of a great big, beautiful world. When our attention rests for too long on our own needs and wants, help to turn our gaze out, up and around so that we might be the people you created us to be. 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**

Katie

**Special Music***Simple Gifts*

Ben Badinger, cello

arr. Jim Brickman and Dan Shea

**Prayer for Illumination**

Maggie Woolley

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1: 1-4

Maggie

Then In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 13:1-15

Jack Maguire

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet] but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

**Third Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21: 1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

**Sermon**

"Called to Connect"

**Responding to the Word****Affirmation of Faith**

Jennie

We believe in a God whose very existence is connectional:

Father, Son, Holy Ghost.

Mother, Child, Holy Spirit.

Creator, Christ, Sustainer.

We believe that we are connected to our God and to one another. We affirm that our actions impact all of God's good creation. Our choices affect our neighbor. We do not exist in isolation. And even as great and grand as all of creation is, we believe God loves each of us as if there was only one of us.

**Prayers of the People**

Katie

**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.

# 53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Invitation to Offering**

Katie

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Following the Word into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

Jennie

**Postlude**

*God Be Praised and Glorified*  
by Heinrich Scheidemann

Hyoun Joo

This morning's liturgy is adapted from Montreat Youth Conference 2021. Liturgy by Ann Russ.  
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