



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

As the Deer
arr. Bruce Greer

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship:

Katie

One: God created

All: all things visible and invisible; none other.

One: God provides

All: food for our stomachs and spirits; none other.

One: God is able to accomplish abundantly

All: far more than all we can ask or imagine.

One: Let us worship God,

All: and none other.

Hymn 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

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O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Call to Confession

Katie

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we doubt your provision and try to fend for ourselves. We seek quick fixes and strive for shallow pleasures. Forgive us. Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that you may accomplish within us far more than all we ask or can imagine. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Katie

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

Anthem*How Great Thou Art*

Ralph Griffin

Arr. Dan Forrest

Prayer for Illumination

Bernie Kida

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 145: 10-15

Bernie

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Katie

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

“Turning Me into Us: Comprehend”

Katie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Katie

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of God in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to God, Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live as a child of God.

Prayers of the People

Macy Rupal

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 435

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

A Moment for Stewardship - Financial Update

David Steingruber

Invitation to Offering

Macy

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Prayer of Dedication

Macy

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Katie

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

by Gordon Young

Hyoun Joo

Parts of this morning's liturgy are adapted from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*.

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