



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, October 24, 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

All Creatures of Our God and King
arr. Jason Tonioli

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship:

The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: Here in this place, there are no outsiders,

All: for all are welcome in God's house.

One: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

All: for love is the language of faith.

One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

All: for God dwells in each of us.

One: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 bears all our years away; our hope for years to come,
 they fly forgotten, as a dream be thou our guard while life shall last,
 dies at the opening day. and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Katie Day

Again and again you call us to care for widows and orphans, to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers. O God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry that there is not enough for all, and that some are undeserving. Again and again you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding, and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those

who are oppressed, poor, and forgotten. O God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim. Forgive us for when we have heard your call, but answered another. We are your people, and you are our God. 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

Jody

Anthem

God You Made Us in Your Image
arr. Lloyd Larson

Virtual Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1-22

Jody, Jennie, and Katie

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. **2** The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **3** But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. **4** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, **5** both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. **6** Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. **7** So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. **8** But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. **9** The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. **10** They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." **11** But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? **12** Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, **13** would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." **14** Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth

clung to her. **15** So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." **16** But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. **17** Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" **18** When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. **19** So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" **20** She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi,^[a] call me Mara,^[b] for the Almighty^[c] has dealt bitterly with me. **21** I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with^[d] me, and the Almighty^[e] has brought calamity upon me?" **22** So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Sermon

A Future Together

Jennie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.21-22

Jody

In the experience of Christ's cross and resurrection, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Prayer for 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.

Hymn 767

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

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Katie

Prayer of Dedication

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jennie

Postlude

Recessional on "HYMN TO JOY"
arr. Matthew H. Corl

Hyoun Joo

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