



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, November 7, 2021
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

Hyoun Joo Song

Call to Worship:

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered.

**Many: By the waters of the kitchen sink, there we wept. And on the living room couch,
and in the empty school room, and beside the makeshift dining room table office.**

One: How could we sing God's song in a strange land?

Many: How could we sing God's song over Zoom?

One: By the waters of Babylon,

Many: There we wept when we remembered.

One: We remembered that ancient rhythm Of separation and homecoming,

Many: Exile and return, Going out and coming in.

One: You who are by the waters of Babylon: Come!

Many: From kitchens and home offices, sidewalks and parking lots, we come!

One: You who remember and you who do not: Come!

**Many: Sometimes remembering clearly, sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come!
By car and by computer, we come!**

One: God goes with every exile;

Many: God rejoices with every return.

One: In Babylon and Jerusalem, in strange lands and familiar rooms,

**Many: in sanctuaries and on screens, in pews or chairs, couches or recliners,
let us worship God.**

Hymn 714

God of the Fertile Fields

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

Call to Confession

Jennie

Prayer of Confession

O God, we remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair, when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope, when we have returned joyfully and gratefully from exile; but we also remember times of hardship: when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been exiled, by our own actions or by some force beyond ourselves, from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today's troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence. 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

The One
Craig Courtney

Choir

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Kaite

10 For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, 14 I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Sermon

"A Future With Hope"

Katie

Sealing the Word in Our Lives**The Sacrament of Communion****Invitation to the Table**

Katie

Pastoral Prayer

Jennie

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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

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

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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Invitation to Offering

Katie

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Prayer of Dedication

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Katie

Postlude

Hyoun Joo

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