Worshipping Together

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Worship with the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs!

Like our siblings throughout the world, currently our congregation is gathering virtually with the assistance of electronic technology.

Click here to join us live on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. to engage with others through real-time chat.

Instructions for viewing the service live or the recording can be found at www.presbyws.org.

Gathering Together in God’s Name – Wherever We May Be

Prelude
Andante in F Major
John Stanley

Stephanie Coates, organ

Gathering & Greeting

Call to Worship
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God’s name;
give to God glorious praise.
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.”

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian
Janet Andersen
Psalm 66:1-4

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Call to Confession
Silent Prayer of Confession
Song of Confession

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, we turn to you today seeking your forgiveness for the sins which would separate us from you. Change our hearts that we might be ready to bring your love into the world. Guide us and show us how to be your people in this world today. Draw us nearer to you even when we behave like we want to be distant. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. 2 Cor. 5:17
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son;
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture Lesson 1 Samuel 1:9-10 & 12-15

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly ... As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord.”

Song of Preparation For All the Faithful Women (verse 1)

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

Sermon Women of the Old Testament: Hannah

The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Responding to God’s Word

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread & Cup
All are welcome. The Session has authorized the serving of communion remotely due to the inability of our congregation to gather in person. Our denomination has given permission for congregations to do so during this time. All are welcome to participate as we partake in communion as one body, united by Christ in the Holy Spirit. You are invited to use elements that you have in your home, some sort of bread and fruit of the vine.

Song During Communion
Raise A Hallelujah
Sheryl Allen & Tyler Allen

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Please send prayer concerns by phone or email to Pastor Erik at erik@presbyws.org.

Click here to sign up to receive Thursday morning weekly emails from PCWS which include our current prayer list.
Invitation for Financial Stewardship
Your ongoing financial giving is important as we seek to continue our ministry at PCWS. Please consider making your contribution online. You can make a one-time payment or set-up automatic payments. [https://presbyws.org/donate/](https://presbyws.org/donate/)

Reach out to Patrick Rivers (patrick@presbyws.org) with any questions or for help in setting up payments through your bank.

Go in God’s Name

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

arr. by James McGranahan

THANK YOU TO Stephanie Coates, Janet Andersen, Sheryl Allen, Tyler Allen, Kara Leslie, and John Leslie for their leadership in worship today!