

#### PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 10:00 am 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastorale on Psalm 23
Prayer for Peace
Valerie Harris, organ

Alex Rowley
Paul Fey

**Lighting of the Candles** 

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship Wes Avram

\*Opening Hymn Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven No. 619

Prayer of Adoration Lily Rogers

Call to Confession Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

Lord Christ, you said to us that if we ask, we will receive; if we seek, we will find; if we knock, the door will be opened to us. Forgive us for our distractions, when we forget to ask. Forgive us for our independence, when we do not seek. Forgive our closed and fearful hearts, when we refuse to knock, do not enter, and avoid the life you have prepared for us. Turn our heads toward you, befriend us in our time of need, and open our hearts to your will, that in all things we might follow you, to the Glory of your Name. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

\*Congregational Response

Alleluia

No. 588

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Follow the lead of the Cantor)

\*Passing of the Peace Michael Hegeman

Children's Message Michael Hegeman

Children & Youth leave for Church School

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Our Common Life
Ministry Moment

Wes Avram Kelly McGinn

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Offertory

Musical Offering

All Things New
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director • Valerie Harris, piano

Craig Courtney

Sorrow lingers in the garden, willows weeping, wet with dew.
But in the breeze a whispered promise:
"I am making all things new,
I am making all things new."

Let the gentle hand of morning Brush your eyes that you may see Mercies new and never ceasing Into all eternity, into all eternity. Alleluia.

As it was in the beginning,
In the end, so shall it be.
Through the cross, a new creation;
Christ has won the victory,
Christ has won the victory. Alleluia.

Step by faith into the promise, Bow the knee with voices raised, Singing "Holy, holy, holy," In an endless song of praise, In an endless song of praise. Alleluia.

\*Doxology (Azmon)

No. 610, v. 5

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven. Amen.

**Scripture Reading** 

Psalm 28:6-9

Erik Khoobyarian

**Special Music** 

Scars in Heaven

M. West / M. Hall

Dawn Sheaffer & Ted Levie, vocals, guitar • Ilona kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

If I had only known the last time would be the last time
I would've put off all the things I had to do.
I would've stayed a little longer, held on a little tighter,
Now what I'd give for one more day with you.

'Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something's missing
And they tell me that it's gonna heal with time.

But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased,
And knowing yours are healed is healing mine.

#### Refrain

The only scars in Heaven, they won't belong to me and you.

There'll be no such thing as broken, and all the old will be made new.

And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall down, Is that the only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold you now.

I know the road you walked was anything but easy. You picked up your share of scars along the way.

Oh, but now you're standing in the sun, you've fought your fight and your race is run.

The pain is all a million miles away.

#### Refrain

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, for the hands that hold you now.
There's not a day goes by that I don't see you.
You live on in all the better parts of me.
Until I'm standing with you in the sun,
I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run
Until I finally see what you can see.

Refrain

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10 Wes Avram

Sermon Enabling vs. Welcoming in Christian Life Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

No. 475

\*Charge & Benediction

Wes Avram

Sending Music

Praeludium in E Minor Valerie Harris, organ Nicolaus Bruhns

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise.

## Scripture

#### Psalm 28:6-9

- 6 Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
- 7 The Lord is my strength and my shield;in him my heart trusts;so I am helped, and my heart exults,and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 8 The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- 9 O save your people and bless your heritage; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

#### Luke 15:1-10

#### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

- 15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
- 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

#### The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### About the Music

Much of the music for this service was selected as a September 11 commemoration and as a prayer for peace, comfort, and healing in our souls and in our world.

### Motes of Interest

Head Usher is Ben Sidoti.

The flowers are given by Richard Alsager in memory of my wife, Marilyn (Lynn) Alsager, who joined our Lord on September 12, 2021.

# Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Lisa and Diane's steady return to good health;
- For Barb J and her doctors as medical solutions are determined;
- For Ted's continuing improvement;
- For John & Myrna on their new journey;
- For Dave in Tucson for healing after surgery and other health issues;
- For Mary L., with COVID;
- For Elizabeth, battling depression;
- For Lisa, Lynn and Elizabeth and their family facing illness and difficult family situations;
- For Lorraine J. on the loss of her husband, Jim;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities during these challenging times;
- For our men and women in the military.

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