

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, July 30, 2023 | 10:00 am  
9th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude** *Allegro moderato* from Concerto No. 2 in G Major  
Grant Sobek, violin • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano J. Haydn

**Lighting of the Candles** Lia Jensen

**Words of Welcome** Wes Avram

**Call to Worship** Erik Khoobyarian

**\*Opening Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* No. 435

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

**Prayer of Adoration** Lia Jensen

**Call to Confession** Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler  
No. 469

*Lord, Listen to Your Children*  
**Lord, listen to your children praying.**  
**Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**  
**Lord, listen to your children praying.**  
**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

**Common Confession and Assurance** (unison) Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler  
God of the ages and of our ancestors in faith, we confess that we have not honored you in what we think, in what we say, and in what we do. We have not lived lovingly toward those who are made in your image. Forgive us our careless and thoughtless ways. Lead us by the example of your saints and the guidance of your Spirit, that others may see Christ in us. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

**\*Congregational Response** (unison) *Holy, Holy, Holy* No. 1, vs. 4  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*Passing of the Peace** Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler  
  
One: The peace of our Lord be with you.  
All: And also with you.

**Children's Message** Liz Smith  
  
Children & Youth will remain in worship.  
Nursery and preschool are available.

**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** Wes Avram  
  
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**Offertory**  
Musical Offering arr. G. Lanier  
*It Is Well With My Soul*  
Marcia Sobek, flute • Grant Sobek, violin • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

**\*Doxology** (*Old Hundredth*) (unison) No. 606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Wes Avram

**Scripture Reading** Judges 13:2-24 Erik Khoobyarian  
  
Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God.

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 Pt. 5: Manoah's Wife & Samson's Mother*

Erik Khoobyarian

## Anthem

*All Things New*

Elaine Hagenberg

Summer Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Jon Lang, piano

*Light after darkness, gain after loss,  
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,  
Home after wandering, praise after tears.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,  
He is making all things new,  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.  
He is making all things new.*

*Sight after mystery, sun after rain,  
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;  
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,  
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.*

*Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,  
He is making all things new,  
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.  
He is making all things new.*

## Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Wes Avram

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

No. 804

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong  
as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)

3 Yes, on through life's long path,  
still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe:

4 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)

5 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Erik Khoobyarian

**Sending Music**

*And Again, I Say, Rejoice!*  
(based on hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*)  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Brenda Portman

\* Please rise.

# Scripture

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## Judges 13:2-24

2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. 3 The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, “You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. 4 Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. 5 You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

6 Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. 7 But he said to me, ‘You will become pregnant and have a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb until the day of his death.’”

8 Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: “Pardon your servant, Lord. I beg you to let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.”

9 God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. 10 The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!”

11 Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the man who talked to my wife?”  
“I am,” he said.

12 So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule that governs the boy’s life and work?”

13 The angel of the Lord answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her. 14 She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her.”

15 Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.”

16 The angel of the Lord replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord.” (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the Lord.)

17 Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?”

18 He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding” 19 Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the Lord. And the Lord did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: 20 As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. 21 When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.

22 “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!”

23 But his wife answered, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.”

24 The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him,

## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Kaaren Gotwals, Michelle & Gary Holcomb, David LeMoine, and Ben White; **Head Usher** is Sherrie LeMoine.

**The Flowers** are given by David R. Smith in memory of loved ones.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Colby, waiting for test results;
- For John B., for a successful treatment for a medical condition;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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