

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, September 3, 2023 | 10:00 am  
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

*Toccata Prima*  
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Lighting of the Candles

Words of Welcome

Wes Avram

Call to Worship

Michael Hegeman

\*Opening Hymn

*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

No. 348

**1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending  
join to sing the glad refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**2 Now redemption, long expected,  
comes in solemn splendor near;  
all the saints this world rejected  
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!**

**3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory;  
claim the kingdom as thine own.  
Come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus.  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Leah Quarles

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Leah Quarles

Lord, our God, you are all-seeing and all-knowing, and you are gracious beyond our understanding. Forgive us when our vision falls short. Instruct us in your ways when our knowledge is found wanting. Surround us with your grace that our understanding may increase. Draw us ever closer to you in your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

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**\*Congregational Response** (unison) *We Are Forgiven*

No. 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leah Quarles

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

Liz Smith

Children K-8th Grade leave for Church School.  
9th-12th Grade Youth will remain in worship with their families.  
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

**Ministry Moment**

"Lunch at Pinnacle"

Tiffany Hart

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**Offertory**

Musical Offering

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director  
Benjamin Sidoti, piano

*O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.*

**\*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** Matthew 16:21-28 Michael Hegeman  
Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Something's Coming* Michael Hegeman

**Special Music** *Be Thou My Vision* Bob Chilcott  
Samantha Jorgensen, soprano • Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, piano

*Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my Wisdom, be thou my true Word;  
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;  
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer** (unison) Erik Khoobyarian  
**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** *Will You Come and Follow Me* No. 726  
(1 - Solo, 2 - High Voices, 3 - Low Voices, 4 & 5 - All)

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?"

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Michael Hegeman

**\*Sending Music**

*Prelude and Fugue in B flat BWV 560*  
Benjamin Sidoti, organ

J. S. Bach

\*Please rise.

## Scripture

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**Matthew 16:21-28**

### **Jesus Predicts His Death**

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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## Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Leslie Colliopoulos, Rick Hess, Michelle & Gary Holcomb, and Jean Nemer; **Head Usher** is Mark Steel. **The Flowers** are given by JeanEtte Hyatt in memory of my husband, Bill Hyatt.

## Prayer Requests

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Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Vicki, following a hospital stay;
- 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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