

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 10, 2023 | 10:00 am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Improvisation on *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*
Jon Lang, piano • Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

Lighting of the Candles

Lia Jensen

Words of Welcome

Leah Quarles

Call to Worship

Wes Avram

***Opening Hymn**

When Peace Like a River (It is Well With My Soul)

No. 840

1 When peace like a river
attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3 He lives: O the bliss
of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4 Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Prayer of Adoration

Lia Jensen

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Call to Confession

Michael Hegeman

Common Confession and Assurance

Michael Hegeman

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

(Time for silent confession.)

One: For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

All: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we might delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

One: By dying, Christ destroyed our death.

All: In rising, Christ restores our life;

One: In giving us his Spirit,

All: He grants us peace.

One: Let us rise and sing praise.

Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

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**

Michael Hegeman

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

Ministry Moment

Erik Khoobyarian

Paul Rooker

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Offertory

Musical Offering *Peace Like a River (with Amazing Grace)* Joel Raney
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director
Jon Lang, piano • Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

*I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found.
Was blind, but now I see.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
than when we first begun.*

*I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

*Doxology (*Old Hundredth*) (unison)
**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.**

No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Erik Khoobyarian

Scripture Reading

Galatians 2:17-3:5

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Why? Pt. 4: Why Does 2+2 Not Equal 4?

Wes Avram

Special Music

Since Jesus Came into My Heart
Pinnacle Men's Quartet

R. McDaniel, C. Gabriel

*1 What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!*

(Refrain)

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

*2 I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart! (Refrain)*

*3 I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart! (Refrain)*

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Leah Quarles

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**

Guide My Feet

No. 741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand . . .

3 Stand by me . . .

4 I'm your child . . .

5 Search my heart . . .

6 Guide my feet . . .

***Charge & Benediction**

Wes Avram

***Sending Music**

Go Down, Moses
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

African-American Spiritual, arr. W. Handy

* Please rise.

Scripture

Galatians 2:17-3:5

17 “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! 18 If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

19 “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Faith or Works of the Law

3 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh? 4 Have you experienced so much in vain—if it really was in vain? 5 So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

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Notes of Interest

Ushers are Kaaren Gotwals, David LeMoine, Julie & Tom Oyan, Mark Steel, and Ben White; **Head Usher** is Sherrie LeMoine.

The Flowers are given by Mary Upchurch in memory of my mother and the boys' grandmother, Mary Ellen Pahissa.

Pinnacle Men's Quartet members are Warner Davidson, Rob Gotwals, Rod Houston, and Brady Larson.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Roger, who had multiple brain surgeries and undergoing chemo;
- For Tricia, not responding to valley fever treatments;
- For Dan, diagnosed with leukemia;
- For Steve, as he gets resolution with conflict;
- For Kevin's family, as they navigate the loss of a father and husband;
- For the pastor nominating committee;
- 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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