

Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 10:00 am
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Improvisation on *I've Got Peace Like a River* African American spiritual
Jon Lang, piano • Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

Lighting of the Candles

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship Wes Avram

***Opening Hymn** *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak* No. 519 (twice)

**You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!**

Prayer of Adoration Matt Sidoti

Call to Confession Erik Khoobyarian

Common Confession and Assurance (unison) Erik Khoobyarian

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; forgive us, renew us, direct us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

***Congregational Response** (unison) *Rain Down* No. 48 (twice)

**Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
Rain down your love, God of life.**

***Passing of the Peace** Erik Khoobyarian

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

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

Matt Sidoti, Fall Round-Up

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Let Everything

André Thomas

Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director • Jon Lang, piano
Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord, Praise God in his sanctuary.
Praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
Praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.*

*Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise him, praise the Lord.*

*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**

Erik Khoobyarian

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:25-31

Wes Avram

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mind the Gap

Wes Avram

Dawn Sheaffer & Ted Levie, vocals & guitar • Jon Lang, piano
Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

*Have you ever felt like nobody was there?
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?
So let that lonely feeling wash away
'Cause maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay,
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
You can reach, reach out your hand
And oh, someone will come running
And I know, they'll take you home.*

Refrain

*Even when the dark comes crashing through,
When you need a friend to carry you
And when you're broken on the ground, you will be found.
So let the sun come streaming in,
'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.
Lift your head and look around, you will be found.*

*There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown
And every time you call out, you're a little less alone
And oh, if you only say the word,
From across the silence, your voice is heard. Refrain*

*Out of the shadows the morning is breaking
All is new; It's filling up the empty
And suddenly, I see that everything is new. Refrain*

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

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**

I've Got Peace Like a River

No.623

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

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

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

***Charge & Benediction**

Wes Avram

***Sending Music**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

arr. J. Raney

*Please rise.

Today's Common Confession comes from St. Augustine.

* Please rise.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:25-31

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

New Revised Standard Version Updated (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Tim Erion, Rick Hess, Jane Linville, Suzanne Moon, Renee & Jed Schenck, and Eugene Wade; **Head Usher** is Mark Steel.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Daryn;
- For Tiffany, for good news about medical tests;
- For Jacob, who is struggling;
- For the family of Conrad, as they mourn his loss;
- For Lauren, battling cancer;
- For Eileen, battling cancer;
- For my kids and grandkids;
- For Shanna;
- For Scott;
- For Sloane, in college in another state;
- For Angela, recovering from a difficult c-section;
- For Carleen, as she enters rehab;
- For Ceci, diagnosed with Rhett's Syndrome;
- For Cade, suffering from depression and digestive problems;
- For those suffering with mental health issues and the families who have lost loved ones;
- For Lily, for guidance as she seeks a life partner;
- For Emily, battling cancer;
- For a mother, with cognitive issues;
- 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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