

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 10:00 am 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Improvisation on I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
Jon Lang, piano • Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

Lighting of the Candles Ciana Mattingly

Words of Welcome Wes Avram

Call to Worship Leah Quarles

*Opening Hymn I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table No. 770

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
 I'm gonna eat at the welcome table,
 Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

2 I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; ...

3 I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; ...

4 Here all the world will find a welcome; . . .

5 We're gonna feast on milk and honey; . . .

Prayer of Adoration Ciana Mattingly

Call to Confession Wes Avram

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Wes Avram

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. 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 Wes Avram

One: The peace of our Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message Erik Khoobyarian

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

K. Hampton

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

Praise His Holy Name
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, director
Thomas Strawser, soloist
Jon Lang, piano • Neil Hathaway, bass • Wes Hawkins, percussion

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but not I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for ev'ry one and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his holy name!

*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

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Don't Conform, Transform Leah Quarles

Special Music Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Jon Lang & Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Erik Khoobyarian

arr H. Helvey

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

No. 353

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

*Charge & Benediction Leah Quarles

***Sending Music** Toccata and Fugue in d-minor BWV 565 Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

J. S. Bach

*Please rise.



Romans 12:1-21

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

New Revised Standard Version Updated (NRSV)



Ushers are Brooke Davis, Audrey Hart, Lily Rogers, and Ben Sidoti; Head Usher is Matt Sidoti.

The Flowers are given by Joanne & Jim McDowell in memory of Tenney Brinkman, Joanne's mother's 100th birthday on October 20.

Today's Common Confession is from Feasting on the Word Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Andrea & Brenda, in treatment for aggressive cancers;
- For Luke, fighting cancer;
- For Uncle Tracy, undergoing cancer treatments;
- For Kasia, with stage 4 cancer;
- For Auggie, recovering from intestinal surgery;
- For Janelle, who is fighting breast cancer for the second time;
- For John, who is fighting colon cancer;
- For Jerry, who is overcoming addiction;
- For Drew, for healing from a failed kidney operation;
- 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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