

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for August 4, 2024

**Worship for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 2024**

*We are glad you are worshipping with us today.
Please join us for refreshments after the worship service.*

Meditations (In preparation for worship)

“Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’”

Luke 19:22

“Bread deals with living things, with giving life, with growth, with the seed, the grain that nurtures. It's not coincidence that we say bread is the staff of life.”

Lionel Poilne

Prelude

Commune with Me (with We Remember You)

Kirk Dearman
arr. by Carol Tornquist

Welcome!

Please stand if you are able. The congregation reads aloud the **bold print.*

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55

Craig Cobb

Listen, everyone who thirsts,

Come to the waters!

You who have no money,

Come, buy and eat!

Incline your ear, and come to me;

Listen, so that you may live.

Let us listen carefully to God and eat what is good! Let us worship our Lord!

*Opening Hymn #515

I Come with Joy

Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, we are called to eat the bread of heaven, but instead we overindulge in rich foods that do not serve us. Instead of fixing our eyes upon You, we focus on distractions that only make us feel better about ourselves temporarily. Instead of serving Your Kingdom and feeding the least among us, we serve our own egos. Help us, God, to listen carefully to you. Open our hearts to your wisdom and your bigger purpose for us. Heal us and renew us. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Pardon

Hear the good news! Even when we try to starve ourselves of spiritual nourishment, God provides us with the Bread of Life! The bread that he gives for the life of the world is for you and for me!

Alleluia! Amen!

*Passing of the Peace

***Gloria #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Children's Hymn *Jesus Loves Me!*

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Psalms 78:23-29

Craig Cobb

Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.
Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.
He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out
the south wind; he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand
of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Sermon

“Bread from Heaven”

Rev. Courtney Steininger**Affirmation of Faith** written by Alvin Franz Brightbill

I believe in God, the giver of grain and bread, and in Jesus Christ, the bread of life broken for us, and in the Holy Spirit, God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf.

I believe that Christ is to be leaven in us, so that we may offer the bread of life to the hungers of every human heart.

Offering

Offertory *There Is a Fountain* (Early American Melody) arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Give thanks to God for God is good

God's love is everlasting

God of everlasting love...to pray, saying

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #511**

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

***Benediction**

Postlude

Siciliana

Thomas Vincent
arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

*If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship
meaningful and our fellowship inviting.*

*Please reach out to Pastor Courtney or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill
Church.*



Coffee with Courtney

Thursday, August 8, 9:30 am

Saturday, August 17, 10am

Join Pastor Courtney for
casual conversation and a
cup of coffee!

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:
SUSAN COBB AND JANET TERWILLIGER – USHERS

REV. COURTNEY STEININGER – PASTOR
NANCY B. JAMES – ORGANIST
CRAIG COBB – LITURGIST

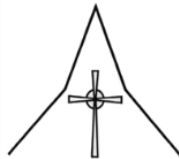
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Announcements



BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

Interfaith Works once again welcomes our donations of backpacks and school supplies for the newly arrived new American children. Supplies are in great need, as they have resettled 1,000 people so far this year. As children arrive, caseworkers at IFW obtain information about the children's placements in school and their need for supplies.

Backpacks needed: All sizes with an emphasis on the need for teenage size. Gender neutral in solid colors.

Supplies needed: Spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, highlighters, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, pocket folders, pocket folders with prongs, 1" and 2" binders, #2 pencils, colored pencils, pencil pouches, and pencil sharpeners.

If you wish to assist with our school project this year, you may donate your selected items from this list and place them in the bins on the benches by the office in the Commons. Or, you may make a monetary donation to Pebble Hill and write Welcome Home Ministry on the memo line.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this valuable project. You are making a significant difference in the lives of these families.

Please make your donation by August 25. Delivery to IFW will be that week.

Jean Soper, Welcome Home Ministry

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ Dan and Karen Radcliffe ask for prayers for their family. Karen's sister Sue's husband, Tim, passed away on Tuesday at home, surrounded by a loving family. They ask prayers especially for Sue, her children, and Karen and Sue's mother, Kathy.
- ❖ Jim Price and his family as Jim faces serious medical problems.
- ❖ Linda Sofranko for healing and relief from pain as she recovers from a recent fall.
- ❖ The family and friends of Harold Bristol, as they grieve his passing.
- ❖ Members of Aminy Audi's family.
- ❖ The family and friends of Don Byers, as they grieve his passing.
- ❖ Pam and Ed Ryan for good care and healing.
- ❖ Those among our Pebble Hill family and friends who are healing after surgery.
- ❖ Rev. N. Scott Cupp's friend Nicki, who is in Hospice.
- ❖ The health of our planet and the individuals coping with the ravages of natural disasters.
- ❖ All those who are suffering from disease and famine.
- ❖ All people living in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen and those in Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.



This Week at Pebble Hill August 4 – August 10

Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium
Monday	9:30 am 4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR
Tuesday	9:30 am 4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
Wednesday	1:30 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship at the Nottingham Bluebirds – KR ESCG Meeting – Lounge and Chapel Property Committee – Atrium
Thursday	9:30 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm	Coffee with Courtney – Commons Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
Saturday	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary

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ABOUT THE COVER

As Pastor Courtney begins her ministry at Pebble Hill, she is thinking about buildings-not only in terms of Christ as the cornerstone and the church's one foundation but also as the "new" church that we are designing and building together. As such, she is using architectural imagery as bulletin covers for the next few weeks.



The week's bulletin cover features an image of the altar at the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá near Bogota Colombia. This "Jewel of Modern Architecture" is a Roman Catholic church built 660 feet underground in old salt mine tunnels. Its history begins in the pre-Colombian era, when indigenous people extracted salt for practical and ceremonial purposes, leading to the creation of a small chapel within the mine. Toward the end of the 19th century, this space was being used by Catholic miners for daily prayer. The Salt Cathedral officially opened in 1953, and the cover of the bulletin features an image of the old main altar. In 1991, the construction of a new cathedral was undertaken, and these images are above. All of the architectural details of the Salt Cathedral are hand carved in the halite rock which forms the tunnels. The architecture of the Salt Cathedral blends Gothic and Andean influences, featuring tall, vaulted ceilings. Light and darkness are key themes of the architectural design, and the main sections are currently illuminated by colorful lights. Deep underground, the design choices point to Christ as the Light!