

# *Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church*



*Worship for July 7, 2024*

**Worship for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 7, 2024**

**Prelude**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee (traditional)*

Arr. by Mark Hayes

**Meditation**

"God is all around us, speaking to us through the most unlikely people. Sometimes it is a mysterious stranger, but more often, I suspect, it is people so familiar that we simply overlook them-our own children and parents, our own friends and neighbors, all those hometown prophets who challenge us and love us and tell us who we are."

Barbara Brown Taylor  
in *Bread of Angels*

"Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?"

Mark 6:3

"...whatever you are is what you are born to and raised in. What matters is transformation, the life you make of it."

Kathleen Norris  
in *Amazing Grace*

***Welcome!***

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

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

## Call to Worship

Psalm 123:1-3

David Hitchcock

To you I lift my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

**\*Opening Hymn #15**     *All Creatures of Our God and King*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love.**

## A Time of Silence

*Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession-confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.*

## Collect

## Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven  
**Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.**  
The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

## \*Passing the Peace

## \*Gloria

*Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!*  
*Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

## Children's Conversation

## Children's Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me!*

## Scripture

Mark 6:1-13

**David Hitchcock**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a

staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**\*Hymn #2158 (STF)**      *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**A Few Words About Scripture**

**Rev. Stuart Hayes**

**Offering**

**Offertory**                      *Soul-Winning Medley!*      Arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**\*Doxology:**

**Praise God from who all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**      Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about six inches from your mouth.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer**

## **Invitation to Communion**

**\*Hymn #529**

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

## **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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Bread and Cup**

### **Prayer**

**\*Hymn #762**

*When the Poor Ones*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Arr. by Ken Medea



***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 Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.*

**THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:**

BILL BYRNE AND DEEDEE ELLEMAN – USHERS

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR

NANCY B. JAMES – ORGANIST

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*THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE*

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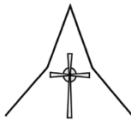
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## *Announcements*

- ❖ The church office will be closed on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### *Please keep in your prayers this week:*

- ❖ The family and friends of Don Byers, who are grieving his passing.
- ❖ Pam and Ed Ryan for good care and healing.
- ❖ Karen Low's family members.
- ❖ Marilyn Cornell's husband, Ross Binder, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ❖ Those among our Pebble Hill family and friends who are healing after surgery.
- ❖ Rev. N. Scott Cupp's friend Nicki, who is in palliative care.
- ❖ Families who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- ❖ 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, Sudan, Yemen and those in Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.
- ❖ Medical professionals around the globe, as well as all caregivers at home, in care facilities and hospitals.





## **This Week at Pebble Hill July 7 – July 13**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – FH
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Community Garden Committee – Forum</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Syracuse Memory Café – FH</b>
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	ESCG Meeting – Lounge and Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	9:30 am	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary

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