

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
June 9, 2024



Here in this place

the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom and now is
the day.

**Worship for the Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 9, 2024**

Meditations (in preparation for worship)

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19

"Where there is great love, there are always miracles."

Willa Cather

"The heart can push the sea and land
Farther away on either hand;
The soul can split the sky in two,
And let the face of God shine through."

Edna St. Vincent Millay

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.*

Prelude

The Peace may be exchanged
Stephen Block, Organist

Dan Locklair

Call to Worship

Psalm 138

Aminy Audi

We give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts;

Let us sing our praises before God!

When we called out to the Lord, God answered us:

Let us give thanks for God's faithfulness.

God loves us amidst trouble and when we need strength;

Let us worship God whose steadfast love endures forever.

***Opening Hymn #401**

Here in This Place

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts, confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you.

Praise be to God.

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

***Passing the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***Gloria**

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Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost;

Avery & Marsh

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

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

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Children's Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

First Reading:

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; 11:14-15

Aminy Audi

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

***Hymn #683**

Lord of All Hopefulness

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5

Rev. Courtney Steininger

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sermon

Transitions and Transformations

Rev. Courtney Steininger

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem

Dona Nobis Pacem

16th Century, Arr. By Hal Hopson

***Doxology:** **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**

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

Prayers of the People and 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.**

***Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***Benediction**

Postlude

Divertissement
Stephen Block, Organist

Janet Correll



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.

*This morning's flowers are given by the Pastoral Nominating Committee in honor of the
Reverend Courtney Steininger.*

Thank you to today's assistants:

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Announcements

The June deadline for donations of non-perishable food items to the **food pantry** is Sunday, June 16. The deacons will be making their delivery the following day. Please remember that children will be out of school for the summer, so the need is increased. As always financial donations to the food pantry are also welcome. Thank you for your support.

The Deacons

Please keep in your prayers this week:

- * Our church members and friends who are unable to be with us in person.
- * Donna Sognefest's mother, Nancy Burton, as she recovers at home after a fall.
- * Don Byers as he continues to recover.
- * Karen Low's family members.
- * Martha Maier's family and friends.
- * Mary Roberts-Bailey as she has her knee replaced on June 11.
- * Families who are grieving the loss of a loved one.
- * Medical professionals around the globe, as well as all caregivers at home, in care facilities and hospitals.
- * All those who are facing disease and famine.
- * All people living in Gaza, Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, and Israel, as well as those in Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.
- * The health of our planet.

This Week at Pebble Hill June 9 – June 15

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service with Rev. Steininger
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting
		Followed by a Luncheon in the Commons
	6:00 pm	Master's Touch Chorale rehearsal – FH
	7:30 pm	Schola Cantorum rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	10:00 am	Finance Committee meeting – Conf Rm
	6:00 pm	L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
Wednesday	10:30 am	Syracuse Memory Café – FH
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	7:00 pm	Schola Cantorum rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele rehearsal – FH
Friday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	9:00 am	E. Berhane graduation party setup – FH
	6:30 pm	Schola Cantorum pre-concert rehearsal – Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Schola Cantorum concert – Sanctuary
Saturday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	12:00 pm	E. Berhane graduation party – FH

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Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1967

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is written in grand staff notation (treble and bass clefs). Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

System 1: The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and the Son, and the Ho-ly Ghost;". The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation.

System 2: The vocal line continues with "As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

System 3: The vocal line concludes with "world with-out end. A - men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is". The piano accompaniment concludes the piece.

Chord symbols for the first system: F, Bb, F, C7, F, C7, F.
 Chord symbols for the second system: Gm, C7, F, Dm.
 Chord symbols for the third system: Gm, C7, F, Gm, C7.

F Dm Gm C7 F

now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm Gm

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb F

A - men. A - men. A - men.