

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

May 7, 2017

Gathering Around The Word

“God doesn’t give us answers. God gives us grace and mercy. God gives us Her own self. Left to my own devices, I would prefer answers. This is why it is good I am in charge of so little: the pets, the shopping, the garden.”

- Anne Lamott, Hallelujah Anyway

“Somewhere Paul says, ‘It is not as angels that he made his way toward us.’ Today’s text says, nor is it as intelligent, rational, or sensible folk who are perceptive and brave enough to make our own way toward him. Therefore, he made his way to us, doing for us that which we, sheep as we are, could not do for ourselves. It is as sheep that he has first loved us, and died for us, and called us his own.”

- William H. Willimon, “Sheep and Shepherds” Duke University Chapel April 28, 1985

Opening Voluntary

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

setting by Dan Miller

Invitation to Discipleship

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along your row. As you pass it back, note the names of those near you and greet one another after the service. You are invited to place a prayer request card in the offering plate to share your joys and concerns.

Introit (9:30/11:00)

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken
The Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Linda McKechnie

Call to Worship responsively

Leader: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

People: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

Leader: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

People: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

People: Let us enter the gate with songs of praise!

*Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1-4)

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***Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession** together
Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray—we have not heeded your voice, calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep—dependent on You for everything. We want to do it alone—to maintain our independence. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen

***Words of Forgiveness** responsively

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** (Hymn 581)

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

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

Service Of The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 10:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

That They May Have Life

Kathy Lee-Cornell

Response To The Word

***Affirmation of Faith** together

Psalm 23

I want for nothing, for Adonai is my shepherd: it is God who lets me lie down in pastures of grass and who leads me to calm waters to restore my spirit, who walks me in level pastures as befits a shepherd of sound reputation.

Even though I must sometimes pass through dark valleys, I fear no harm for You are with me; indeed, Your crook and Your walking stick are sources of constant comfort for me. You set a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with so much fine oil that I feel like an overflowing cup.

Nothing but goodness and mercy pursue me all the days of my life; indeed, I feel certain that I shall dwell in the House of Adonai for days without end.

***Hymn 187** (9:30/11:00)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

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 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.

Presentation of Tithes/Offerings

Offertory Music

The King of Love (8:15)

arr. Dan Forrest

John Sikon, soloist

Pilgrim Song (9:30/11:00)

Ryan Murphy

The Sanctuary Choir

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey; The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.

My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior; and as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever. Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory; I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.

My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour. When the messenger shall say, "Come quit this house of clay, and with bright angels tower."

***Doxology (Hymn 607)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Recognition of Linda V. Smith (11:00)

Communion of the People (8:15)

***Hymn 634**

To God Be the Glory

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Toccata

Davis Hegarty

Today's Worship Leaders/Flower Dedications

Our preacher today is Kathy Lee-Cornell. Director of Music Steve Jobman is leading the Sanctuary Choir. Playing the service today is concert organist Gary Beard. He tours nationally with Ryan Anthony as an organ and trumpet duo. Our acolytes are Henry and Caroline Ricketts. Our lay liturgist is Mark Melson. The flowers decorating the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Roger and Marena Gault in honor of Phyllis Gault of Houston, Texas. The flowers in the Columbarium were given by Christina Ryan in loving memory of husband and father Cormac H. Ryan. Next week's preacher is Rev. Sarah Johnson.

Youth Cake Auction

Join us for our annual Cake Auction and a baked potato lunch directly after the 11 a.m. service today! All proceeds from the Cake Auction benefit our Youth Ministry.

Mother's Day Movie Night

The Queen of Katwe: A Story of Life, Chess, and One Extraordinary Girl's Dream of Becoming a Grandmaster -- May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us to honor the power of the women in your life! Ages 10 and up. Share the evening with us in Emmanuel Hall! Pizza, popcorn, movie and conversation. Free!

Mother's Day Cards

Presbyterian Women will be selling Mother's Day cards in the Atrium today and May 14. The donations received for these cards benefit Healthy Women Healthy Families, a ministry of Presbyterian World Mission. A donation of \$10 per card is requested.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School cannot happen without our volunteers! We are looking for people that want to hang out with our PHPC Kids from 9:30-noon, June 12-16. Email Ann at anielsen@phpc.org.

Day Trip to the Kimbell

Sign up for the May 23 motor coach trip to see the Phillips Collection "A Modern Vision" featuring Impressionist works. More information at www.phpc.org/bustrip or contact Dee Wadsworth at dwadsworth@phpc.org or extension 118. Invite your friends and neighbors; all adults are welcome.

Americana Concert

The beloved Americana concert is set for Sunday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert will feature Associate Director of Music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Ryan Murphy conducting a world premiere and highlights from HELLO, DOLLY! An ice cream social will follow.

Growing Saints Garden Club

Join us on Friday, May 19 in Jubilee Hall at 10 a.m. for gathering and refreshments, followed by a short meeting. At 11 a.m. enjoy "OPEN Focus on the great 2016 edition of the RHS Chelsea Garden Show through the lens of Bill Leazer's camera." He will bring some of his photo cards to sell.

Every Dollar Counts

May's EDC will benefit the Malawi Mission Trip. They will use funds to purchase baby formula, diapers/wipes, school supplies and mosquito nets.

Please pray for...

Dianne Purdin on the death of her brother, Douglas Mac Purdin on April 27.

Congratulations to...

Elizabeth Miguez and Amin Vahora on the birth of their son Lincoln James on April 19.

Congratulations also to grandparents Ramon and Stephanie Miguez.

The pastor on call this week is Rev. Dr. Paul Seelman at 214-368-6348 ext 8.