



Satire and Sight

The Season of Lent - A Pilgrimage of Transformation

PLEASANT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH ~ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ~

We welcome all God's children into our ministry of peacemaking, compassionate living, environmental consciousness, and extravagant welcome.

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

| The Reverend Joylynn Graham | Music Director Judith Sullivan | Liturgist Dick Betts |

“Living is easy with Eyes Closed” ~ John Lennon

We Gather to Worship God

Greeting and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

~ Callahan

Call To Worship

Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart.

Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling ~ Wesley, Zundel

43 NCH

Opening Prayer

Anointed One, your love comes peaceably into our lives if we will but let it. We are so fixated on the gold standard, the familiar, and the safe choice that we often lose sight of what you are raising up right in our very midst. Enliven us with your Spirit this day so that we might get a glimpse of your peace. Take what we might imagine as too small for your kingdom and use it to open the world to your overflowing abundance and provision for all that you have created. In the name of Jesus, the Christ we pray. Amen.

We Enter into the Presence of God

Anthem

Somewhere in the Silence ~ Martin

PHCC Choir

A Time of Centering

Collect Prayer

Open now our ears, O God, that we might hear your word.
Open now our minds, O God, that we might receive your word.
Open now our hearts, O God, that we might accept your word
and make it the rule for our lives. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

John 9:1-41 (pgs. 96 & 97)

Message

“Satire and Sight”

**Please Rise as You Are Comfortably Able*

We Respond with Praise, Prayer, and Thanksgiving

*Hymn

Amazing Grace ~ Newton

547 NCH

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Presentation of Our Gifts

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

For those of you worshipping in the sanctuary, offering plates are available at both entrances of the sanctuary as well as on the table at the front. For those joining us virtually, you are also invited to be part of the ministry and mission of this church by giving online. Simply go to the church website at pleasanthillucctn.org where there is a tab for giving.

Offertory

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

~ *Giamanco*

Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth in Love

*Closing Hymn

I am the Light of the World ~ Strathdee

584 NCH

Please be seated to enjoy the postlude

Closing Prayer

Oh Lord, may I so live, that those who know me
and know not Thee, may want to know Thee,
because they know me. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Amazing Grace

~*Schrader*

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Prayers of the Congregation

With thoughtfulness, we offer prayers for ...

- Peace in Ukraine
- Wisdom and compassion for our leaders at national, state, and local levels
- The safety of police, public servants, healthcare professionals and first responders
- Healing in our divided nation and an end to racism, injustice, and violence
- Encouragement for those living with mental illness, including severe depression and anxiety.
- Safety for all who travel.
- Healing of the Earth, her climate waters, air, plants, and animals
- Safety Peace, Strength and justice for immigrants, refugees, victims of domestic violence and gun violence, natural disasters, and bullying.
- Families in Crisis
- Thanksgiving for Grace & Don Inglis together again at Wharton Homes.
- Comfort and Healing for Jeff Strain and Susan Stark, Maria Duran, Cathy Brown, Tom, and Kay.
- Comfort for the family and friends of Tina Smith and Rev Ted McKnight

"I remember you always in my prayers."

~Romans 1:9

Announcements

- Lenten Program 2023 | Wednesdays in March | Soup and Bread | Saving Jesus Series
 - 6:00pm soup and bread | 6:30pm Showing of the DVD Series

The Soup & Bread meal includes a few delicious soups, some of which are vegan and/or lactose free, and a few bread varieties including one gluten free.

- Are you or someone you know interested in joining Pleasant Hill Community Church and want to know more about membership?

Join Pastor Joylynn for a membership exploration Brunch on March 30, at 11:00 am
To ensure preparation of enough food please fill out a registration form and let PHCC know the number that plan to attend the Brunch, forms are located at the entryway to the Sanctuary and the table in front the Church Office ~ Please call the church office for more details and to RSVP.

- PHCC will Hold the Following Special Services and Events

There will be Sign up forms to RSVP to Maundy Thursday and Easter Breakfast

- Maundy Thursday ~ April 6 @ 5:30 pm with Soup and Sandwiches
- Good Friday ~ April 7 @ 7:00 pm
- Easter Breakfast ~ April 9 @ 9:00 am
- Easter Service April 9 @ 10:30 am

- Wednesday Mornings 9am @ Linda's Coffee Shop

~Join Pastor Joylynn for Coffee, Breakfast or just come sit a spell.

- Prayer Requests, removal & changes - please contact Vickie Nevius – 931-248-2731
- Please notify the Church Office if you want to schedule a meeting room or use the Community House~ notify with all cancellations or scheduling changes. Thanks!
- Want to add something to the Calendar or make an announcement in the Bulletin?
Please email info to abigail@pleasanthillucctn.org by Thursdays at 9 am

Pastor Joylynn will be on Break from April 10- April 17

Calendar of weekly events will be available in the holder between the church and pastor offices, posted on the church office door, online, in Realm and on our website www.pleasanthillucctn.org ...or via email upon request

The events in **Bold Aqua Ink** listed on the Church Calendar are from the Wider Community – they are held at the church but not by the church.

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHO WE ARE

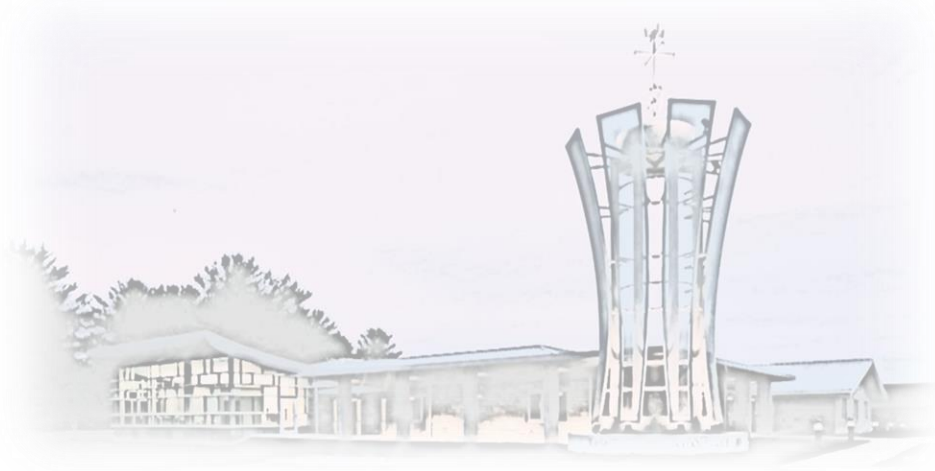
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We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that your worship experience will be one of meaning and inspiration, and that the Spirit will touch your life as we worship together.



~ Pastor ~

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Texts are Welcome.

~ Office Administrator ~

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