



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“Our Call to Endure”

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

Pastor Richard Aylor

November 16, 2025

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Scripture for Mission Month

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me” - Matthew 25: 40

Prelude

****Opening Chant**

“We All Are One in Mission”

Purple Hymnal 733

“We all are one in mission; we are all one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.”

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

Moment for Mission

Love In Action – Pura Vida

Bill Mistretta

****Call to Worship**

Donna Bucholz

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

**** Please stand if you are able**

****Opening Hymn** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” Purple Hymnal 666 (v. 1, 2, 4)

O Splendor of God’s glory bright, from light eternal
bringing light; O Light of Light, light’s
living spring, true Day, all days illumining:

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your
radiance from above, and to our inward
hearts convey the Holy Spirit’s cloudless ray.

O Lord, with each returning morn, your image
to our heart is born; O may we ever
clearly view our Savior and our God in you.

****Invitation to Confession**

Donna Bucholz

Leader: Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God’s people so many years ago he assures us
now that God is our salvation.

**People: It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare
approach God with our confession.**

****Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days
and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort
in you. Amen.**

**** Please stand if you are able**

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Donna Bucholz, Joanna Cook

Leader: The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

People: Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“We are Forgiven”

Purple Hymnal 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Joanna Cook

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

**** Please stand if you are able**

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Ministry of Music

New Testament Lesson

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Sermon

“Our Call to Endure”

**Response to Sermon

“This is My Father’s World”

Purple Hymnal 370

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all
nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world. O, let me ne’er forget that
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

** Please stand if you are able

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” Purple Hymnal 606

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

****Closing Hymn** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” Purple Hymnal 765

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us
on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that’s new, faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

****Benediction Response** (sung acapella) “Go Now in Peace”

“Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.”

Postlude

**** Please stand if you are able**

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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