



“The Harvest is Plentiful”

Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Psalm 33:1-12

Matthew 9:35-10:20

Pastor Richard Aylor

June 7, 2026

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.

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" performed by Phyllis Pieffer

****Opening Chant** "Spirit of the Living God" Purple Hymnal 288

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Welcome Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, our present help in tribulation.

People: Even when the mountains fall and tumble into the sea, even when the earth shakes, we have to sing.

Leader: We all have to sing!

People: Exalt God among all nations! Praise God!

****Opening Hymn** "Great God of Every Blessing" Purple Hymnal 694

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

****Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but God's grace and mercy never fall short.

People: With confidence in God's blessing, let us confess our sin to God.

****Prayer of Confession**

God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in you. When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in you. We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain. Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us. Allow us to hold on to you, our rock, and to build our lives on the foundation of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.

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

Leader: God sacrificed his only Son, Jesus, that our sins may be forgiven, paying for our transgressions through Jesus' blood.

People: God is righteous, and in that justice, we are assured that there is forgiveness for our sins. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and can live in peace.

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** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Purple Hymnal 688 (v. 1)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Lord, Lord, speak to us your word, that hearing it, our hearts may be transformed, our lips may prophesy, and our feet follow your path, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 33:1-12

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- ⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:20

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

****Response to Sermon**

“I Come with Joy”

Purple Hymnal 515

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,
in Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Purple Hymnal 500

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

Commissioning of the Pura Vida Mission Team to Guatemala

Pastor Richard Aylor, Briana Aylor, Donna Bucholz, Jerry Bucholz, Heidi Smithson and
Joanna Cook.

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

Therefore, with creation we sing your praise (purple 552):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith (purple 553):
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

Amen. Amen. Amen. (purple 554):

And now let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements (Gluten-free elements are available)

Special Music during Communion

For Reflection and Meditation:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

“Christ Be Beside Me”

Purple Hymnal 702

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me,
King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me:
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me,
shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on
all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

****Benediction Response**

“Go Now in Peace”

sung Acapella

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

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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.

Meet our new Music Director, Sheresa Wilbanks!!!!



Sheresa Wilbanks has retired from her 28 years of being a public High School Choral Director. She also has been involved in music ministry for all of her adult life. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and a Master of Arts in Education and Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Tim, her husband of 43 years and being involved in ministry has been the most integral part of their lives together. They have two sons, Chase, 42 and Keilan, 40. Both are married and live in the Denver area. Their pride and joy are their grandchildren, Avery Blue, 4 years old and Parker, 8 months old.

Sheresa is currently the choral director of The High Plains Chorale in Elizabeth, CO. Her heart lies in her family. She enjoys spending quality time with them. In her spare time, cuddling with her two golden doodles and riding her horse, Bella Rose brings her immense joy.

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.

Church Officers:

Pastor – Richard Aylor
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*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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