



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“As Jesus Taught Us to Pray”

Psalm 119:105-112

Matthew 6:5-13

Pastor Richard Aylor

July 12, 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

“Majesty”

performed by Sheresa Wilbanks

****Opening Chant**

“As the Deer”

Purple Hymnal 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my
soul longs after you. You alone are my
heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone
may my spirit yield. You alone are my
heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

****Opening Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Purple Hymnal 15 (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice
and with us sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon
with silver gleam, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts
of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for
your Lord to hear. Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows
of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings
on our way, sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

****Invitation to Confession**

Marilyn Sandifer

Leader: The Scriptures are full of stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites.

People: God's word of grace is meant for people just like us.

Leader: There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

****Prayer of Confession**

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

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

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you.

People: There is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.

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** “Just As I Am Without One Plea” Purple Hymnal 442 (v. 1)

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.
¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

Ministry of Music

“Shout to the Lord”

performed by the choir

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:5-13

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thyname.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon

“As Jesus Taught Us to Pray”

****Response to Sermon**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Purple Hymnal 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Purple Hymnal 275

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us owe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

“Shout to the Lord”

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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