



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Third Sunday After Pentecost

“Jesus’ Family”

Psalm 138:1-8

Mark 3:20-35

Pastor Richard Aylor

June 9, 2024

*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**

**Opening Chant**

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Purple Hymnal 698

“Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.”

**Welcome**

Pastor Richard Aylor

**Introduction of New Members**

David and Julia Molden  
David & Jessica Lymburner  
Gary Jennings

**Moment for Mission – Resilience 1220**

Annie Cooley

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**People: On the day I called, you answered me.**

Leader: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“Come Thou Almighty King” Purple Hymnal 2 (v. 1, 2, 3)

Come thou almighty King, help us thy  
name to sing; help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful,  
mighty Lord, our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred  
witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

Linda LaGrange

Leader: Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us and is calling us to return to the Lord.

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us.

**People: You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way.**

Leader: Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors.

**All: In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

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

Leader: Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart.

**People: When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**\*\*Response to Forgiveness**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Purple Hymnal 581 (v. 1)

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.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 138:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Ministry of Music**

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Music by J.S. Bach

Arranged by John A. Dempsey

performed by Nancy Church and Christi Todd

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup> “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup> for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup> Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” <sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Sermon**

“Jesus’ Family”

**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“For the Healing of Nations”

Purple Hymnal 346 (v. 1, 2, 4)

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on human-kind;  
for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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

## Invitation to the Offering

### 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

**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**      “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”      Purple Hymnal 260 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood: “Jesus out of  
every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget his promise:  
“I am with you evermore.”?

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool,  
heaven your throne. As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And all the people of God say

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**Postlude**

*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. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). 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:**

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Office Administrator – Peggy Farnham (and Toby)  
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Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”  
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Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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