



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“Doing the Good Work that is Yours to Do”

1 Kings 19:1-8

Luke 8:26-39

Reverend Kimra Perkins

June 19, 2022

***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.***

**Welcome**

Keith Varnadoe

**Moment for Mission – Into Your Hands Africa**

Heidi Smithson

**Music Meditation**

Hanna Wo

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: Our souls long for you, O God;

**People: where are you?**

Leader: In raging wind?

**People: In trembling earth?**

Leader: In blazing flames?

**People: Our souls long for you, O God; where are you?**

*(Silence)*

Leader: Meet us once more, O God, in stillness, in silence, in smallness.

**People: Come now, O God, enter our hearts and minds, present now for you.**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

Blue Hymnal 470 (v. 1, 3)

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing “Holy, holy, holy” to the great God triune.

This day God’s people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear;  
Christ’s living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.  
We journey on, believing, renewed with heavenly might,  
From grace more grace receiving on this blest day of light.

**\*\* Please stand for all hymns if you are able**

## Invitation to Confession

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: Please approach the throne of grace with me.

**All: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, we confess our sins in faith.**

## Returning to the Lord through Confession

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: In confession, we tell the truth about ourselves and our broken world, and the God of all Truth,

**People: who knows our limitations and loves our imperfections, has already forgiven us and will always forgive us.**

Leader: Trusting in God's infinite mercy, let us dare to tell the truth in prayer together.

**People: God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love.**

Leader: Because we do not understand them, we segregate them, we reject them, we demonize them, and we hurt them.

**People: Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.**

**All: Help us to understand others, as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. We surrender to You the sins that separate us from You and one another during this time of silence (Silence).**

Leader: This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: This is the truth: You are not the labels others place on you.

**People: We are more than the boxes we check.**

Leader: You are not the side of the aisle on which you stand, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

**People: We belong to Christ, and Christ alone.**

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**

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 with a simple nod and wave.

**\*\*Response to Forgiveness**

“Near to the Heart of God”

Blue Hymnal 527 (v. 1)

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

**(Refrain)**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.**

\*\* Please stand for all hymns if you are able

## Prayer for Illumination

Keith Varnadoe

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts – a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1-8

Keith Varnadoe

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow. Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him: he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Ministry of Music**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Blue Hymnal 398 (v. 1)  
Performed by the Chancel Choir

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**(Refrain)**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.**

**Sermon**

“Doing the Good Work that is Yours to Do”

Rev. Kimra Perkins

**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“Today We Are Called”

Blue Hymnal 434 (v. 1, 4)

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God act out the living Word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

**Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Kimra Perkins

**\*\*Doxology**

“Take My Life”

Blue Hymnal 391 (v. 1)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

\*\* Please stand for all hymns if you are able

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Kimra Perkins

**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**

"Song of Hope"

Blue Hymnal 432

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**

Rev. Kimra Perkins

**Leader:** And the people of God say

**People:** Alleluia. Amen.

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## **Biography of Today's Guest Minister, Kimra Perkins**

Rev. Kimra Perkins has served as the Associate Pastor of Marketplace Ministry at Sixth Ave United Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado since 2015. She is a graduate of the University of Utah, Colorado State University, and Denver Seminary. Kimra is bi-vocational and has worked in the shopping center industry for the majority of her career. She enjoys encouraging and equipping people serving in business to embrace inclusive hospitality as a way to live out improving the common good for everyone. Kimra and her husband enjoy traveling and living in the mountains. She also enjoys writing poetry, skiing, and pursuing her quest of teaching everyone she knows how to play the kazoo.

### **Pastoral Care Representative:**

Reverend Christine Beitzel will be our pastoral care representative until a new Pastor is installed; revchrisdb@gmail.com, 562-822-3887.

### **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 and 12:30 and are back by 1:30). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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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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