



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“A Call to Watch and Listen”

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 12:49-56

Pastor Richard Aylor

August 14, 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.

Prelude

Hanna Wo

Opening Chant

Pastor Richard Aylor

“My soul is at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from God.”

Purple Hymnal 843

Welcome

****Call to Worship**

Pastor Richard Aylor

Leader: Behold the gathering of God’s own:

People: beside believers and among apostles, drawn together as disciples and doubters, we are shoulder to shoulder with shepherds and saints!

Leader: Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

****Opening Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Purple Hymnal 1 (v. 1, 2)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

** Please stand for all hymns if you are able

Invitation to Confession

Christi Todd

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.

Prayer of Confession

Christi Todd

Leader: Gathered before the throne of God's infinite mercy, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, confessing our need for grace.

People: Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes.

Leader: With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities.

People: In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us.

Leader: Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us.

All: Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ

Christi Todd

Leader: Jesus endured the cross and disregarded its shame for the sake of the joy that was set before him.

People: That joy is our salvation.

Leader: His joy is our freedom.

People: Believe the good news: 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 with a simple nod and wave.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Lord Prepare Me”

Purple Hymnal 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Prayer for Illumination

Christi Todd

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.
³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?
⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Come to the church by the wildwood, o come to the church in the vale!
No spot is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.
How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning to listen to the clear ringing bells.
Its tones so sweetly are calling, oh, come to the church in the vale.

(Refrain)

Come to the church by the wildwood, o come to the church in the vale!
No spot is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the vale.

There she sleeps close by in the valley, lies one that I love so well.
She sleeps, sweetly sleeps, ‘neath the willow, disturb not her, resting vale.

(Refrain)

There close by the side of that loved one ‘neath the tree where the wild flowers bloom,
when farewell hymns shall be chanted, I shall rest by her side in the tomb.

(Refrain)

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⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Sermon

“A Call to Watch and Listen”

****Response to Sermon**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Purple Hymnal 724 (v. 1, 3)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

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Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Richard Aylor

****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

Pastor Richard Aylor

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** “As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought” Purple Hymnal 712 (v. 1, 3)

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God,
the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
of farm and market, shop and home of mind and heart and hand.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O god who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

****Charge and Blessing**

Pastor Richard Aylor

Leader: And the people of God say

People: **Alleluia. Amen.**

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

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

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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.

Please remember the deadline for Church Communication Publications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

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