



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“The Scripture has been Fulfilled”

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 4:16-30

Pastor Richard Aylor

February 2, 2025

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

“Awesome God”

Mullen arr Keveran

Opening Chant

“One Bread, One Body”

Purple Hymnal 530

“One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.”

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

People: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.

Leader: We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

People: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.

Leader: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

People: God is with us and sustains us.

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

****Opening Hymn**

“Here in this Place”

Purple Hymnal 401 (v. 1, 2, 3)

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who
yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

****Invitation to Confession**

Kelly Selva

Leader: God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves.

All: Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and cast out fear.

** Please stand if you are able

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love.

People: We have lost patience and been rude.

Leader: We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end.

People: Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

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

Leader: God has loved us since the beginning, and God's love for us will never end.

People: We do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God's steadfast love, God's healing power, and God's ability to make all things new.

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 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Purple Hymnal 169 (v. 1)**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.

** Please stand if you are able

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Ministry of Music

“Majesty”

performed by Phyllis Pieffer
Hagford arr Mark Hayes

New Testament Reading

Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been

fulfilled in your hearing.”²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ”²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown.²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land,²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon.²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon

“The Scripture has been Fulfilled”

****Response to the Sermon**

“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

Purple Hymnal 511 (v. 1, 2, 4)

Come, behold! The feast of heaven Alleluia!
Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! The banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!

All is ready, come attend Alleluia!
As the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!
Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!
Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
Here the wary are refreshed. Alleluia!
All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia!

** Please stand if you are able

Service of Ordination and Installation of Officers

Rev. Richard Aylor

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given the gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Presentation of Officers

Elder Judy Jensen

To be ordained and installed as an Elder:

Jessica Lymburner

To be ordained and installed as a Deacon:

Kelly Selva and Cherie Braun

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Invitation to the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Eat this Bread”

Purple Hymnal 527

“Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”

** Please stand if you are able

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: O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

****Closing Hymn** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” Purple Hymnal 315 (v. 1, 3, 5)

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

(Refrain)

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar, we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

(Refrain)

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And all the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

“He is Exalted”

Paris arr Keveran

** Please stand if you are able

Thank you to Phyllis Pieffer for being our guest accompanist this week!

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:

Pastor – Richard Aylor
Office Administrator – Peggy Farnham (and Toby)
Director of Music – Nancy Church
Finance Administrator – Tom Maxey
Treasurer/Trustee Permanent Endowment Fund – Jerry Bucholz
Clerk of Session – Judy Jensen

Elder – Worship – Christi Todd
Elder – Stewardship – Alan Lebsock
Elder – Love in Action – Vicki Kyle
Elder – Christian Education – Jill Green
Elder – Personnel – Ed Powers
Elder – Nominating – Margi Masquelier
Elder – Administration & Communications –
Elder – Building & Grounds – Bob McFadden

Deacons:

Nancy Grant	Carla McFadden
Monica Rider	Laura McKnight
Marilyn Sandifer	Cherie Braun
Dianne Lebsock	Kelly Selva
Marjorie Clinton	

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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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