

"BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW"



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“God is Always Creating”

Isaiah 25:6-9

Revelation 21:1-7

Pastor Richard Aylor

September 18, 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**

**Opening Music**

Pastor Richard Aylor

“God Welcomes All”

Purple Hymnal 399

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong and it never ends.

**Welcome**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Pastor Richard Aylor

Leader: Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

**People: we come to worship God.**

Leader: In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

**People: let us worship God.**

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

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

Purple Hymnal 305

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

**Invitation to Confession**

Linda LaGrange

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.**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**Prayer of Confession**

Linda LaGrange

Leader: Jesus Christ gave himself as a ransom for all who fall short of the goodness of God.

**People: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us turn to God and make our confession.**

Leader: Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace.

**People: We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed.**

Leader: We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love.

**People: Forgive us, O God.**

**All: Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.**

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

Linda LaGrange

Leader: God our Judge is also our Savior. The good news is sure;

**People: 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**

“We are Forgiven”

Purple Hymnal 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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**Prayer for Illumination**

Linda LaGrange

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Linda LaGrange

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Sung by the Evergreen Children’s Chorale

Accompanist: Brian Jones, Jr.

Director: Cortez Daniel.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress  
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm the soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown they good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home<sup>[a]</sup> of God is among mortals.  
 He will dwell<sup>[b]</sup> with them;  
 they will be his peoples,<sup>[c]</sup>  
 and God himself will be with them and be their God;<sup>[d]</sup>  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for<sup>[e]</sup> the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

**Sermon**

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**\*\*Response to Sermon**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Purple Hymnal 321 (v. 1, 3, 5)

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
 She is his new creation by water and the word.  
 From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
 With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”  
 And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

\*\* Please stand if you are able

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

Pastor Richard Aylor

**\*\*Doxology**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Purple Hymnal 708 (v. 1)

We Give Thee but Thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be,  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

**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**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Purple Hymnal 611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

\*\* Please stand if you are able

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Pastor Richard Aylor

Leader:       And the people of God say

People:       **Alleluia. Amen.**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

*Please join us for Fellowship Time 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

**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.

**Please remember the deadline for Church Communication Publications is Wednesday at 2:30 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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