



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

“How to Live in “Not Yet” Time”

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Reverend Kimra Perkins

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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

Linda LaGrange

Music Meditation

Hanna Wo

****Call to Worship**

Linda LaGrange

Leader: Come as you are to worship the Lord.

People: Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.

Leader: For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

People: The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

****Opening Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation ”

Purple Hymnal 321 (v. 1,4)

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.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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

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.

Returning to the Lord through Confession

Linda LaGrange

Leader: We love you, O Lord, with our prayers and our songs.

People: Forgive us when we do not love you with our actions.

Leader: You have called us to tend your sheep:

People: to care for your people around the world, to share what we have, and to reflect your love.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when our love for you is shallow,

People: when our love for our neighbors is empty, and when our love for ourselves is hard to find.

All: Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short, and by your forgiveness, free us to try again. We surrender to you the sins that separate us from you and one another during this time of silence (Silence).

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ

Linda LaGrange

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Purple Hymnal 451 (v.1)

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer for Illumination

Linda LaGrange

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into
your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Linda LaGrange

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Ministry of Music

“On Eagle’s Wings”

by Michael Joneas
Purple Hymnal 43
Sung by Brian Ehrle

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

(Refrain)

**And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

(Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

(Refrain)

For to his angels he’s given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Refrain)

Sermon

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**** Response to Sermon**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blue Hymnal 339

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Reverend Kimra Perkins

****Doxology**

“Seek Ye First”

Purple Hymnal 175 (v.1)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Alleluia!

Allelu, alleluia!

Thanksgiving Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Reverend 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.

**Please stand for all hymns if you are able

****Closing Hymn**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Purple Hymnal 291 (v.1,4)

(Refrain)

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

(Refrain)

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Reverend 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.

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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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