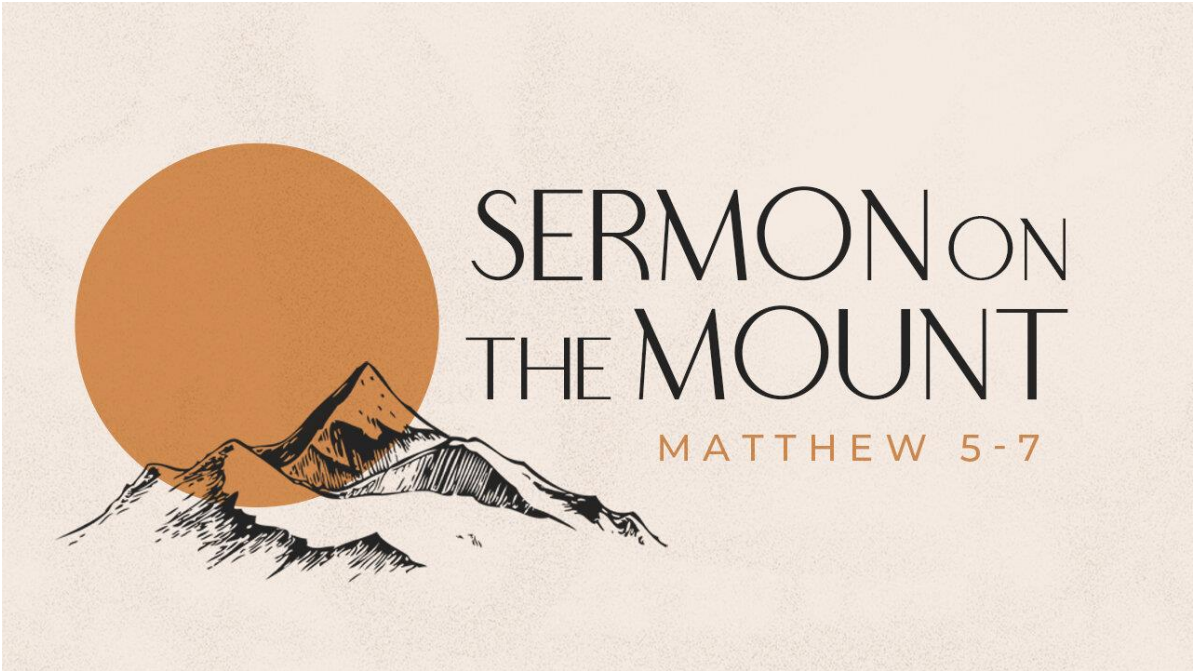


Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



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Prelude

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"...whenever people aim to solve their conflicts with one another by turning to the Bible, defending the dried ink marks on the page becomes more vital than defending the neighbor."

Barbara Brown Taylor
in *Leaving Church*

"Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow..."

Isaiah 1:18

"There's a reason God gave us all two ears and only one mouth."

Anonymous

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better and send you our e-newsletter.

Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Please stand if you are able. **Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Call to Worship

Bill Byrne

Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and of all time

Be with us in this time.

Savior of the world and healer of the nations

Be with us in this place.

Breath of all things living and of people both near and far

Stir us to life.

God of here and now

Be present in our worship that we may find new ways to be present in your world.

*Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robinson

Call to Confession

Bill Byrne

Prayer of Confession

For this day, God, with all its' possibilities, we give you thanks! For your gifts of life and love, labor and rest, we give you praise. Forgive us that, too often, we're unappreciative of your goodness which surrounds us, that we feel alone when there are many who love us, that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls which isolate us. Make strong the ties which bind us to one another. Help us to walk together in all your ways...

Silent Prayer

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

Collect #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit to this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Declaration of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Through Christ, God restores us to faith, hope and love.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

***Gloria (Hymn #583)**

Glory to God

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Conversation

Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me!

(Teacher and students leave for class.)

Scripture:

Matthew 5: 21-37

Bill Byrne

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

***Hymn #300**

We Are One in the Spirit

Scholtes

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Stuart Hayes

Offering

Anthem

We Don't Know How to Pray

Routley

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Please use the microphones when making announcements. We want to include those sharing our worship through our live stream. Speaking from the floor without a mic (no matter how strong your voice) is blank airspace on the live stream. The microphone should be held up to the face, 6-12 inches from the mouth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn *God, Bless Your Church with Strength (see insert)* JS Bach

Benediction

Postlude



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

*Please reach out to Pastor Stuart or
Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.*

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Please keep in your prayers this week

- ❖ We pray for the earthquake victims and the relief effort teams in Syria and Turkey.
- ❖ We pray for Pat Carroll and family, at the passing of her husband, Ed.
- ❖ We pray for Ron Cavanaugh as he recovers from his recent surgery.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers.
- ❖ We pray for New Jerusalem and Eastern Farmworkers as they assist those in need in our communities.
- ❖ We pray for the victims of earthquakes, floods and storms throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for all those experiencing famine throughout the world.
- ❖ We continue to pray for the people who are the victims of war and oppression throughout the world.
- ❖ We pray for this country; may it find peace from all the discord.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church.
- ❖ We pray for the PNC.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Our annual financial meeting of the congregation will be held after worship today.

Forum Update

The Forum on Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, led by Ron Cavanagh and Dan Radcliffe, will resume on Sunday, February 19.

Ash Wednesday

We will have a service for the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 7pm in the sanctuary.

Food Pantry

The next food pantry delivery is Sunday, February 19. Please drop off your nonperishable food donations when the church office is open (Monday - Thursday 9am-1:00pm)

Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

The Deacons

From the Witness to Racial Reconciliation Team

Please join us on Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 7 - 8:30 pm for our last look at the Civil Rights Era. To watch before or for independent study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMzjCCPPWhg&list=RDLVtfgQdCld3Fg&index=7>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89408426051?pwd=djZla2dnSkVUbkpFcTkydklkYzZZdz09>

Meeting ID: 894 0842 6051

Passcode: 527165

Easter Flowers

Easter is just around the corner! Daffodils, Easter Lilies and/or Tulips can be ordered by contacting Susan Cobb by phone 315-446-0625 (H.) 315-415-0464(C.) or by email at sjcstamp@gmail.com. The cost of each arrangement is \$10. **Order deadline is Sunday, March 12.**

The Week at Pebble Hill 02/12-02/18

Sunday	11:15 am	Congregational Financial Meeting - Sanctuary
Monday	4:30 pm	Bluebirds - KR
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	2:30 pm	Membership Committee - Zoom
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts – NR
	6:30 pm	Syracuse Chorale - FH
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Alzheimer Group – Lounge, CR
Thursday	10:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele practice – FH
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Choir Loft
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
Saturday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	2:00 pm	Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Sanctuary

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BETTE KAHLER – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

BILL BYRNE - LITURGIST

*Flowers for this morning's service were donated by Ava Trapasso
Thank you.*

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.

