Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for April 21, 2024

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Prelude

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"Cows are herded from the rear by hooting cowboys with cracking whips, but that will not work with sheep at all. Stand behind them making loud noises and all they will do is run around behind you, because they prefer to be led. You push cows, but you lead sheep. They will not go anywhere that someone else does not go first."

Barbara Brown Taylor in *The Preaching Life*

"I am the good shepherd..."

John 10:11

"This is the Sunday we admit we're sheep..."

Will Willimon in "Not My Favorite Sunday"

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews. We hope you will join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print.

Call to Worship: Psalm 95: 1-7 Aminy Audi

O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's as well.

The sea is God's, for God made it; and God's hands formed the dry land. O Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our

Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 1-3)

Amazing Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy: judge us with love and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride. We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth. Have mercy, loving Lord, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus, in whose name and Spirit we pray.

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

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 #435 v.1)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture John 10:11-18 Aminy Audi

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I

know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*Hymn #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Hayes

Offering

Anthem

Simple Gifts

Shaker Song arr. Aaron Copeland

*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

*Dedication

Announcements

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from your 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. Amen.

*Hymn #436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

*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 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 peace in Sudan.
- ❖ We pray for children in Yemen who struggle to survive in the midst of war and famine.
- ❖ We pray for the people in Haiti dealing with chaos and violence.
- ❖ We pray for everyone in this country and around the world experiencing antisemitism and Islamophobia.
- ❖ We pray for the Palestinian people who are caught in the vicious conflict between Israel and Hamas and for the Israeli hostages and their families waiting for their release.
- ❖ We pray for the relief workers who are risking their lives to get much needed supplies to the people of Gaza.
- ❖ We pray for the Ukrainian and Russian people who continue to endure conflict and violence.
- ❖ We pray for the medical professionals around the globe tending to the needs of people in war zones.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers in hospitals, urgent care facilities, long-term care facilities and those who provide at-home care.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers, who provide for those who work our central New York farms.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons.

Announcements



Pebble Hill sponsors two blood drives each year. This means we recruit donors, get volunteers to assist with registration and canteen, and offer our space to the Red Cross. Will you help make this drive a success by donating or volunteering?

Our next drive is on May 11, from 8:00 to 1:00. Please call 1-800 Red Cross, download the blood app or visit redcrossblood.org to register to donate. If you can help the day of the drive, please see Maggie Reid.

Thank you for supporting this Pebble Hill mission and spreading the word to anyone who might donate.

Join us Sunday, May 5 for our Annual Meeting & Spring Salad Potluck Luncheon

What is your favorite salad? Tuna, chicken, egg, pasta, Caesar, fruit, potato, macaroni or another? Come to our salad luncheon on May 5, right after the annual meeting, and feast. Bring a salad to share and enjoy the variety, fun and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up sheet for salad and dessert and also help with clean-up. We are supporting the Diaper Bank of CNY with our monetary donations. Please talk with a deacon if you have any questions.



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The Week at Pebble Hill 4/21-4/27

Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium Vision and Strategy Meeting – Forum
Monday	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR PNC – Forum
Tuesday	3:00 pm 4:30 pm	On Point Español – CE#3 Bluebirds – KR
Wednesday	10:00 am 2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Morning Circle – Lounge Afternoon Circle – Zoom/Lounge ESCG – Lounge
Thursday	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – FH
Friday	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Pastors Gathering – Lounge Synod Commission Meeting – Forum, CR, Chapel Choir Rehearsal Synod Commission Dinner – FH
Saturday	9:00 am 12:30 pm	Synod Commission Meeting – Forum, CR, Chapel CNY Genealogy Meeting – FH

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS: RAY CUMMINGS AND ZACH HUITINK – USHERS

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR CHARLOTTE HAAS QUIRK – PIANIST AMINY AUDI – LITURGIST

This morning's flowers were given by Sue Stowell. Thank you.

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

