

The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook

September 07, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

An inclusive faith community.



WELCOME

PRELUDE

Pleading Savior
Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like clay on a wheel

God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.

And like moldable clay,

God continues to shape us.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Come into our hearts today!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION - in unison

Creator God, you know us better than anyone else.

You formed us in your own image.

And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you’ve given us.

**We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers
get in the way of relationships.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Let us hear your call to change and do better.

**Empower us to ask for forgiveness
from those whom we have wronged.
Help us to think of you and those around us.
Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the good news is this:
God is not done with us.
**Our Creator is still forming and shaping us,
forgiving us, and allowing us to grow.**
Hear the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*CELEBRATION OF GRACE

John Bell (b. 1949)

Refrain



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Fine

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Children may make their way to the front
of the sanctuary for Children's Time.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS - Leyla & Cecily Sosa

INTRODUCTION & QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF WELCOME - unison

**Gracious God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant
people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ.**

**We thank you for choosing to bring Leyla And Cecily into
fellowship and communion with us.**

**Together, may we live in your Spirit,
love one another and reach out into your world with
compassion.**

**Bless each of us with a renewed sense of commitment to you
as we continue the journey of faith throughout our lives,
and may the support of this congregation strengthen each of
us for service. Amen.**

WELCOME - unison

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #458

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THY WORD

HEBREW LESSON - Jeremiah 18:1-11

Response after reading

ONE: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

PSALTER - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Refrain "Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet" *[chorus only]*

[choir first, then congregation; all on each subsequent refrain]

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down

And are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
**You hem me in, behind and before,
And lay your hand upon me. *Refrain***
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is so high that I cannot attain it.
**For it was you who formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.**
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
That I know very well.
**My frame was not hidden from you,
When I was made in secret,
Intricately woven in the depths of the earth. *Refrain***
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
**In your book were written
All the days that were formed for me,
When none of them as yet existed.**
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you. *Refrain***

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 14:25-33

Response after reading

ONE: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Work In Progress

Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That he may ‘bide with you forever;
E’en the sp’rit of truth. (John 14:15-17)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give our thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

from *A German Mass*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord,

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ev' - ry - where a - dored.

He who al - ways liv - eth, Ev - er more the same,

Heav'n and earth He rul - eth, Come and praise His name.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Day by Day

Martin How (1931-2022)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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 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.

*HYMN #365

“God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!”

MARION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”*

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might-y

pow - er and His grace; _ I can hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see

glo - ry on each face, Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place.

POSTLUDE Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Jamie Breeding

Anthems: BBPC Adult Choir

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