

The Presbyterian Church
at Bound Brook

May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter



WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rendez à Dieu

Louis Bourgeois (1510-1559) arr. Stearns

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is a gift from God;

And day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

This time is a pause from the fever of life;

A time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

So let us sing, and listen, and pray, and feast.

And let us worship God.

*HYMN #404

“What Is This Place”

KOMT NU MET ZANG

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION - unison

**We praise you, O God, for the comfort you offer
and the hope you bring.**

Where you reign, there is peace.

In your Word, there is power.

**Grant us wisdom and insight that we might know
your will for our lives.**

Open our eyes that we might recognize your presence in our midst.

**Open our hearts to the gift of salvation i
in your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***CELEBRATION OF GRACE**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 8/8 time. The melody is a simple, folk-like tune. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus we praise you as Lord; All of the earth gives you glo - ry for your ma - jes - ty fills the hea - ven, fills the earth.'

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said, She won't forsake me,
I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil,
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in Her house, Forever and ever.

Glory be to the Mother, and Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

Response after reading:

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Mothering

Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Tool Drive for Puerto Rico

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lord is my shepherd"

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:

For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 Community Mass*

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav'n and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken L. Bourgeois

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead,
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

Watch o'er thy church, O Lord, in mercy,
Save it from evil, guard it still;
Perfect it in thy love, unite it,
Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,
Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands thy church be gathered
Into the kingdom of thy Son.

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 #187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

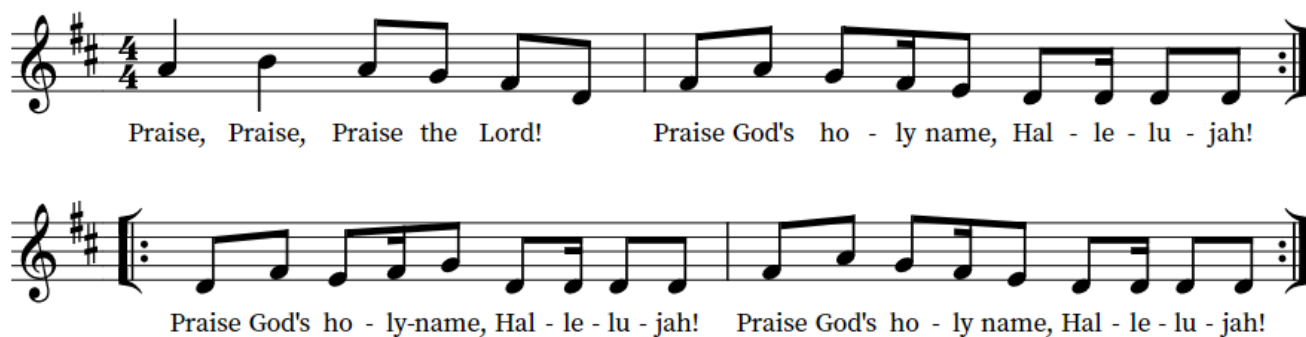
BRADBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Praise, Praise”

Traditional Cameroonian



POSTLUDE An einem lichtem Morgen

Clara Schumann (1819-1896)



*The flowers are given by Brooks & Gail Smith
in celebration of our 57th wedding anniversary today.*

*The rose is given in celebration of the birth of Owen Suero ...,
great-grandson of Nancy Block.*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Betsy Haase Reimer

Anthem: BBPC Choir

Director of Faith Formation: Rev. Lissette González Sosa

Director of Music: Benjamin T. Berman

Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Linda E. Owens

Technician: Bill Dettelback

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INQUIRER'S GATHERING



Sunday, May 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

- What does it mean to be a church member?
- Tell me more about BBPC.
- What kind of Christian is "Presbyterian"?
- What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?
- What opportunities are there for me to get involved?

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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