

The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook

August 3, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

An inclusive faith community.



WELCOME

PRELUDE Lydian Prelude Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

TOLLING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;
**They cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.**

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

*HYMN #264 "At the Name of Jesus"

KING'S WESTON

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!
Come into our hearts today!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil.
Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear.
We have failed to love you as we should.
We have neglected to love our neighbor.**

In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves.

**Release us from the tombs that terrify us
so we can see your image in one another
and in your good creation.**

**Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred
so we can see ourselves as your children.
Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of the Lord is sure.

In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us
so that we can be Your people.

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

Fine

*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

EPISTLE LESSON - Colossians 3:1-11

Response after reading

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON - Luke 12:13-21

Response after reading

ONE: The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Borders, Boundaries and Barns

Rev. Linda E. Owens

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Lila Dettelback
Appalachia Service Project

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM God Help the Outcasts

Menken & Schwartz

I don't know if you can hear me, or if you're even there.
I don't know if you would listen to a Gypsy's prayer.
Yes, I know I'm just an outcast... I shouldn't speak to you.
Still, I see your face and wonder, were you once an outcast too?4

Someday, when we are wiser, when the world's older,
when we have learned...

I pray someday we may yet live to live and let live.
Someday...life will be fairer, need will be rarer,
greed will not pay.

Godspeed this bright millennium on its way.
Let it come someday.

Change will come, one day, someday soon.
I ask for wealth. I ask for fame.
I ask for glory to shine on my name.
I ask for love I can possess.
I ask for God and His angels to bless me.

I ask for nothing, I can get by.
But I know so many less lucky than I.
Please help my people, the poor and the downtrod.
I thought we all were the children of God.
God help the outcasts, children of God.

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.

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BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are my fullness, firm and steady;
To lavish mercies, at the ready;
Despite my wand'ring, despite my weakness,
Unrelenting strength and goodness.

Holy, holy, God almighty,
All thy fullness here beside me.

You are my courage, truth and wisdom,
Guiding hand and purest vision,
Hope in fear, joy in vict'ry,
Endless song, hope and yearning.

I am breaking, you are building;
I am empty, you are filling;
In my silence, you are speaking,
In my dying, ever living.

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 #714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*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.

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POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Reader: Jim Lee

Anthem: Taylor Gram

Director of Faith Formation: Lissette González Sosa

Director of Music: Benjamin T. Berman

Pastor: The Rev. Linda E. Owens

Technician: Bill Heller

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Sep 26

7:00 PM

Hiroya Tsukamoto
takes us on an
impressionistic journey"
-Boston Herald

"...chops, passion and warmth. Zealously
recommended!" -Jazz Review.com



Hiroya Tsukamoto, guitar

Community Carol Sing

Benjamin T. Berman, organist

Dec 13

5:00 PM

Mar 8

4:00 PM

Thomas Rodgers,
organist

Featuring the
stunning
Austin op. 2646
organ



Mozart and Majesty

A celebration of choral music
and the music of
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jun 14

7:00 PM

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