FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 18, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Bless the Lord — Jared Anderson
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN
God is Here *(see back page)* — Darlene Zschech

EMBODIED CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — #300
We Are One in the Spirit — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:29-12:2 — Betsy Simpson

*Please stand if you are able

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Run, Faith, Run"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN — #354

Guide My Feet — GUIDE MY FEET

1 Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

2 Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

3 Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

4 I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

5 Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
Search my heart while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

6 Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Adagio from *Two Short Pieces for Organ* Cesar Franck

*Doxology #414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

3 With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN #399

We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 6. "Alla Marcia" from *Preludes and Voluntaries* Set 2 Eric H. Thiman

God Is Here

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