FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Traditional Service
February 13, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2 in E flat (Excerpt) Herbert Howells

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust the Lord, whose trust is the Lord;
People: They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.
Leader: Come to the waters of life, all who trust in the Lord!
People: We have come to worship and be nourished by the streams of God's living waters!
All: Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul ABERYSTWYTH

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing

* Please stand if you are able.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when we trust in you, we are like trees planted by water, drawing life from being rooted in your grace. But when we fail to trust in you, we are like shrubs in the desert, parched and withering, unable to sustain ourselves. Forgive us for the times when we've trusted in everything but you and your steadfast love. Renew us, sustain us, and give us the courage to follow you and trust in you, so that we may live the abundance of life you intend for us, and our lives may bear fruit for your will on earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 17:5-10 Reece Makary
Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Planted by the Water" The Rev. J.C. Austin

WE RESPOND

*HYMN #282

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DER LIEBEN GOTT

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent;
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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	Andante Tranquillo	Percy Whitlock
*Doxology	#592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN #276

Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune David German

Announcements:

- Today is Souper Bowl of Caring, at which time we are taking a special collection to support our food ministry at Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering. We are also collecting donations of canned tuna and chicken to share with our neighbors at Turning Point and New Bethany food banks. You can make online gifts on our website "Give" page; please include a memo marking it as "Souper Bowl of Caring."
- We are incredibly grateful for monetary donations to help us meet the ongoing needs of our Afghan refugee family - Baz, Mursal, Taib, and Bahar. If you are willing and able to make a contribution, you can do so online through the church's "Give" page or with a gift on an upcoming Sunday. However you make your gift, please label it "Refugee Family Support" so that it can be accounted for and allocated correctly.

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