FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Traditional Service
September 26, 2021

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Prière à Notre-Dame", from *Suite Gothique*, Op 25 Leon Boellmann

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.
People: God's ways are just and merciful.
Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.
People: In all that they do, they thrive.
All: Come, let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN #416
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure
foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness
Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.

3 Here bestow on all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in Scripture Paul reminds us that we are your temple, and your Spirit dwells in us. And yet so often we struggle to recognize your presence; we feel empty, and instead of focusing our attention more deeply on you, we grow anxious and try to fill ourselves with things that do not truly satisfy. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to feel your loving Spirit in and around us. Fill us with your grace until we are so overflowing that we must share it with others.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:4-11, 16, 21-23 Don Masters

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Neighborhood Church: Building Up, Building Out"

WE RESPOND

HYMN #442

The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endured.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Kyrie" from *Mass in G*, D. 167 — Franz Schubert

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano solo, Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

*Response - #592 — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN — #424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising — CHARTERHOUSE

1 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
in every city for your love and care,
inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

2 Grant us new courage, sacrificial,
humble, strong in your strength to venture and to dare;
to lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

3 Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as you once wept above Jerusalem,
seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude" from *Music for a Sunday Morning* Harald Rohling

Flowers under the cross are in loving memory of
Howard Weaver from Betty Weaver

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