

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Combined Service
October 25, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Salvation

Charlie Hall

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Nathan Jess

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Please reflect on the words of our hymns and songs in your heart, not with your voice

Amazing

Brian Platt

Verse 1

You are my sole provider

You are the Prince of Peace

You are my defender

And I want to worship

You are the victory won

You are the risen one

To You I surrender

And I want to worship

Chorus

Never gonna be the same

Love will never leave me

God You're amazing

(REPEAT)

Verse 2

You are my sole provider
You are the Son of God
You are my protector
And I want to worship
You are the victory won
You are the risen one
To You I surrender
And I want to worship

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Jesus called us to love you with our entire being: our heart and soul and mind. He called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. He told us that these two things summed up the whole witness of Scripture and what it means to be faithful to you. And yet we still so often fall short. We choose parts of our being to offer you, and hold back the rest. We pick which neighbors we will love, which we will tolerate, and which we will keep far enough away from to deny they are neighbors at all. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us up with your love, so that we may remember what it means to be truly loved, and have the strength and courage to truly love you and all our neighbors.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

setting Jay Althouse

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restore'th my soul
And guides my path in righteousness
For His name's sake.

Surely goodness and loving kindness
Shall follow me All the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever and ever.

Though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
I will not fear, Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table
Before me in the presence of my enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil
My cup's overflowing
Surely goodness and loving kindness
Shall follow me All the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever and ever

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:34-46

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“No Thin Love”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

Please reflect on the words of our hymns and songs in your heart, not with your voice

#284

O God, What You Ordain Is Right

WAS GOTT TUT

1 O God, what You ordain is right,
Your holy will abiding;
I shall be still, whate'er You do,
And follow where You are guiding.
You are my God;
Though dark my road,
You hold me that I shall not fall;
Wherefore to You I leave it all.

2 O God, what You ordain is right;
You never will deceive me.
You lead me by the proper path;
I know You will not leave me.
And take, content,
What You have sent;
Your hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait Your day.

3 O God, what You ordain is right;
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
Your watchful care
Is round me there;
You hold me that I shall not fall,
And so to You I leave it all.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#343

BEECHER

1 Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth

Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

4 So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God You Reign

Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God You reign

Chorus

(Woh) God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign

Verse 2

You part the seas

You move the mountains with the words that You say

My song remains God You reign

You hold my life

You know my heart and You call me by name

I live to say God You reign

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelu

Hallelujah hallelu

(REPEAT)