FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Summer Worship

September 11, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Jesus Move — Michael Weaver

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse 1
Let the power of God fall down on us
Let Your power fall down right now
Let the power of God fall down on us
Let Your power fall down right now
Let the Spirit of God pour out on us
Let Your Spirit pour out right now
Let the Spirit of God pour out on us
Let Your Spirit pour out right now

Pre-Chorus
For Your glory and You only
What You say is what we'll do
Let Your passion become action
Holy Spirit come move

Chorus 1
'Cause Jesus we're alive to glorify Your name
So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing
Jesus move

Verse 2
Let the love of God come alive in us Let Your love come alive right now
Let the love of God come alive in us
Let Your love come alive right now

Chorus 2
('Cause) Jesus we're alive to glorify Your name So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing Jesus we're alive to glorify Your name
So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing
Jesus move oh Jesus move
Oh

Bridge
'Cause we don't want to leave until we're changed
So here in our hearts God have Your way
'Cause we don't want to leave until we're changed
So here in our hearts God have Your way

Ending
Jesus move oh Jesus move

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please stand if you are able.

*GATHERING 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 alway.

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

Gracious and Loving God, Jesus called himself the Good Shepherd, who would lay down his life to protect and care for us as his sheep. But we confess that sometimes we wander away from his voice; we get ourselves lost trying to find our own way. Help us to know the voice of Christ and to follow it, and to imitate Christ in seeking out and welcoming others who wander, so we may live faithfully together as Christ's flock.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 Bob Hunsicker

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to Go

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Connecting the Dots: Lost and Found"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #301 from *Glory to God* See insert
Let Us Build a House ALL ARE WELCOME

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING
Call to Give
Offertory Song of Gratitude Craig Hella Johnson

Chancel Choir

Out of this love, out of this longing.
Out of these voices from all of the ages,
Out of these songs, out of this singing,
Lifting our souls, lifting our being:
Hear, you are everywhere,
Deeping than dreaming;
In the name of the spirit of love,
Always and everywhere,
We bow down, we bow down: Namaste.

Within the source, within the center,
Within the telling of falling and rising,
Within the root, within creation,
Harvest of waves, dancing redeeming:
Hope, you flow everywhere,
Healing our hunger;

Harmony flesh, harmony treasure,
Harmony human, forever returning,
Harmony path, harmony vision,
Blessing our way, endless beginnings:
Light, you shine everywhere,
Shaping our wonder.

*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.

*SENDING HYMN #344

Christ of the Upward Way SURSAM CORDA

1 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where Thou hast set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God

2 Give me the heart to hear
Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear
I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

3 Christ of the upward way,
My Guide divine,
Where You have set Your feet,
May I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

*BENEDICTION

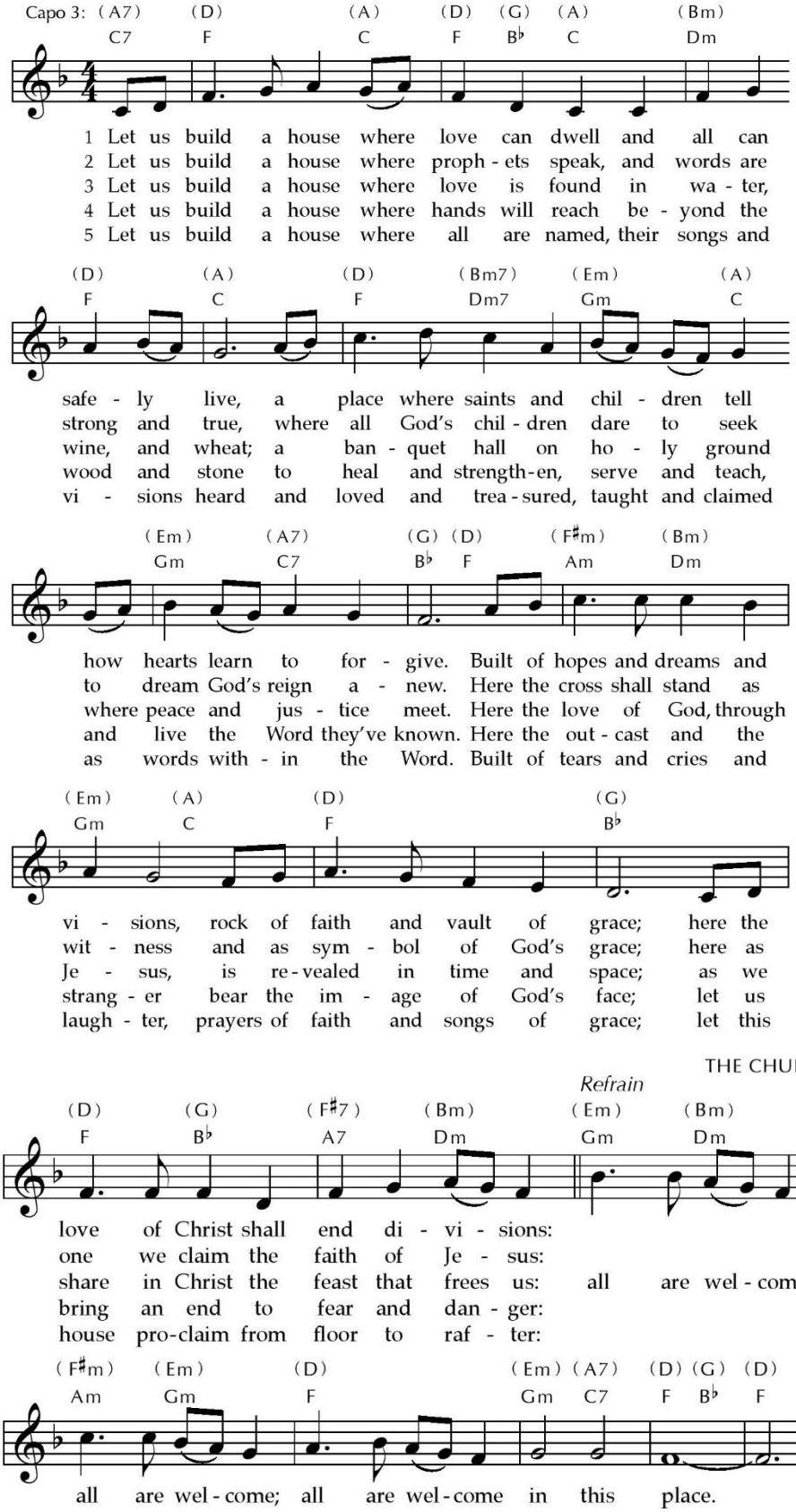
POSTLUDE The Blessing Chris Brown

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All Are Welcome



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