

**First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem**

**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Digital Traditional Service**

**September 6, 2020**



***The Service for the Lord's Day***

***WE GATHER***

PRELUDE Miniature No. 18

Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

1 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore Him:  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### *WE CONFESS*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you have saved us from sin and death, and for lives of love and service. But we sometimes avoid loving or serving those who are too different from us, who make us feel uncomfortable or even offended, who look or speak or act or believe the “wrong” way. Forgive us, Lord; help us to imitate Christ’s abundant love for all, that we may be ambassadors for your kingdom in our daily lives, and welcome everyone who seeks you as partners, neighbors, and friends.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *WE LISTEN*

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah

George Fredrich Handel

Kelsey Kish, Soprano

I know that my redeemer liveth  
And that he shall stand  
At the latter day, upon the earth  
I know that my redeemer liveth  
And that he shall stand  
At the latter day, upon the earth  
Upon the earth

I know that my redeemer liveth  
And he shall stand  
Stand at the latter day, upon the earth  
Upon the earth

And though worms destroy this body  
Yet in my flesh shall i see God  
Yet in my flesh shall i see God

I know that my redeemer liveth  
And though worms destroy this body  
Yet in my flesh shall i see God  
Yet in my flesh shall i see God  
Shall i see God

I know that my redeemer liveth  
For now is Christ risen from the dead  
The first fruits of them that sleep  
Of them that sleep  
The first fruits of them that sleep  
For now is Christ risen  
For now is Christ risen from the dead  
The first fruits of them that sleep

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philemon 1-21

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“A Useful Problem”

#### *WE RESPOND*

HYMN

#505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,  
But do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
Thy table in our heart.

2 There sup with us in love divine;  
Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly wine,  
Be our immortal food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Sing Me to Heaven"

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Madison Zahorsky, soprano

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie  
Truths stripped of poet's gloss.  
Words alone are vain and vacant,  
And my heart is mute.  
In response to aching silence memory  
Summons half-heard voices,  
And my soul finds primal eloquence and  
Wraps me in song. Wraps me in song

If you would comfort me,  
Sing me a lullaby.  
If you would win my heart,  
Sing me a love song.  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,  
Sing me a requiem, Sing me to heaven.  
Touch in me all love and passion,  
Pain and pleasure,  
Touch in me grief and comfort;  
Love and passion, Pain and pleasure.  
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem,  
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:  
Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

\*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

## WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to  
give you thanks and praise...  
As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
so now we pray:

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communio

Sigfried Karg-Elert

CLOSING HYMN

#380

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT, UNS HERR

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills:  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In Your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE March from "Battle of Britain Suite"

William Walton