FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Summer Worship

July 24, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Great Are You Lord — Jason Ingram

Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE — The Rev. Cynthia L. Simmons

*GATHERING HYMN — #473

For the Beauty of the Earth — DIX

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

5 For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)

*Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us that you are able to accomplish far more than all we can ask for or imagine. Yet we often act as if everything depends on us. We often fear to ask for or even imagine anything than what we can see or accomplish on our own. Help us to trust in you and your limitless grace, and empower us to be your bold and loving servants, so that we may share the light of your love to the ends of the earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC Amazing Grace arr. Mark Hayes

Lauren Curnow-Madigan, Mezzo soprano

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved; How
precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Hosea 1:2-10 Bob Hunsicker

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Alexandra M. Hendrickson

"Marital Counseling"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #347

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive DETROIT

1 Forgive our sins as we forgive
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.

*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

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 "The Call", from *Five Mystical Songs* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lauren Curnow-Madigan, Mezzo soprano

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*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 #435

We All Are One in MISSION — ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

1 We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Love the Lord — L. Brewster/arr. John Wasson

Contemporary Ensemble