FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Service
Second Sunday after Easter

April 23, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Cantabile in F, Op. 4 No. 4 Alexander Guilmant

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises unto the Lord, all his faithful ones!
People: Give thanks to God's holy name!
Leader: For God has turned our mourning into dancing, and clothed us in joy!
People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN #455
All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1-4) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please stand if you are able.

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we rejoice that you raised Christ from the dead to bear witness to your saving grace that has conquered death itself. But we confess that, while we celebrate the story, we do not always live it out: too often we follow the disciples in returning to ordinary life after the wonders of Easter morning. Lord, help us to be changed forever by the truth and power of Christ's resurrection; give us hearts filled with joy in Christ, voices filled with hope in Christ, and hands filled with the love of Christ to share with the whole world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35 Cynthia Simmons

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

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"The Flavor of Bread"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #503
Come, Risen Lord SURSUM CORDA

1 Come, Risen Lord, And Deign To Be Our Guest;
Nay, Let Us Be Thy Guests; The Feast Is Thine;
Thyself At Thine Own Board Make Manifest
In Thine Own Sacrament Of Bread And Wine.

2 We Meet, As In That Upper Room They Met;
Thou At The Table, Blessing, Yet Dost Stand:
"This Is My Body"; So Thou Givest Yet:
Faith Still Receives The Cup As From Thy Hand.

3 One Body We, One Body Who Partake,
One Church United In Communion Blest;
One Name We Bear, One Bread Of Life We Break,
With All The Saints On Earth, And Saints At Rest.

4 One With Each Other, Lord, For One In Thee,
Who Art One Saviour And One Living Head;
Then Open Thou Our Eyes, That We May See;
Be Known To Us In Breaking Of The Bread.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Malin Anastasiya Masthay, daughter of Bekah and Ted Masthay

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 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.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Harlen

The Chancel Choir

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Shine in my heart, shine in my heart,
Lord Jesus.

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Refrain
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
(Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally.
(Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fuga", Sonata No. 6 in D minor, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn