FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Summer Worship

August 21, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude in F op. 101, No. 1 Charles V. Stanford

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's mercy is deeper than we can imagine.
All: God's love is stronger than we can comprehend.
One: God's faithfulness more sure, God's presence more endless.
All: God's truth is more holy than words can express.
One: Thanks be to God for the boundless gifts of grace and peace and courage.
All: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN #300 from *Glory to God* See insert
We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*Please stand if you are able.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us to bear one another's burdens. Yet we are bound to selfishness, hardly noticing the cries of our neighbors. You have called us to lean on you alone, and in that way to bear witness to your love. Yet we wish for self-reliance, struggling against the weight of our own expectations. Forgive us, Holy One, and free us from our sins. Move us into faithfulness, and grant us your grace and peace and courage.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:1-11 JoAnne Turcotte

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

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Partners on the GO!"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

1 Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Together) inspired by the Confession of 19

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of God, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation and show us how to be in community. Christ is still present with us by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete that mission. This reconciling, community building work of the Triune God--Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer--is the foundation of our faith. Therefore, the church calls all people to be one with God and with one another as we seek to build the Beloved Community--a peaceable, just, flourishing place of belonging and home for all people--here and now.

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 Here in Your Presence Jon Egan

Contemporary Ensemble

Verse
Found in Your hands fullness of joy Every fear suddenly wiped away
Here in Your Presence
All of my gains now fade away
Every crown no longer on display
Here in Your Presence

Pre-Chorus
Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

Chorus
Here in Your Presence
We are undone
Here in Your Presence
Heaven and earth become one
Here in Your Presence
All things are new
Here in Your Presence
Ev'rything bows before You

Bridge
Wonderful beautiful glorious
Matchless in ev'ry way

*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 #765 from *Glory to God* (see insert)
May the God of Hope Go with Us SONG OF HOPE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" arr. J. Bert Carlson

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We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

Song of Hope

Canto de esperanza



Glory to God 765
TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
MUSIC (ARGENTINA 11.11.11.11 with refrain): Argentine folk melody

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