

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Online Traditional Service

May 10, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Canzona on "Liebster Jesu"

arr. Richard Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace.
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,
by the courage, where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won.
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel.
With your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal.
Lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun -
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night,
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all, and healing light,
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one,
Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ you showed up the fullness of your love through his faithful vulnerability through death on a cross, and his victory over death through his resurrection. But we confess we would greatly prefer the victory without the vulnerability. Lord, give us the courage to risk truly following Christ by loving love others as he has loved us, so that we can recognize and receive the true power of your love as we do, and share it with others as we live into that gift.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Epic Song".

Maurice Ravel

English Translation © Richard Stokes

Dr. Chris Jackson, Bass/Baritone

Good Saint Michael who gives me leave
To behold and hear my Lady,
Good Saint Michael who deigns to elect me
To please her and defend her,
Good Saint Michael, descend, I pray,
With Saint George onto the altar
Of the Madonna robed in blue.
With a heavenly beam bless my blade
And its equal in purity
And its equal in piety
As in modesty and chastity:
My Lady.
(O great Saint George and great Saint Michael)
Bless the angel watching over my vigil,
My sweet Lady, so like unto Thee,
O Madonna robed in blue!
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

“Living and Loving in God Mode”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#370

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Trees

Oscar Rasbach

Recorded remotely by Dr. Dan Swank and Jayne Swank Borrás

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

CLOSING 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.

BENEDICTION