FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "*Agnus Dei qui tolis peccata mundi",* from Mass in B Minor, BWV 232
Johann Sebastian Bach
Kelly Schmidt, mezzo-soprano

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN #459
Father, We Praise Thee CHRISTE SANCTORUM

1 Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over;
Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee;
Singing, we offer, prayer and meditation:
Thus we adore Thee.

2 Monarch of all things, fit us for Thy mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;
Bring us to heaven, where Thy saints united
Joy without ending.

3 All holy Father, Son and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessèd, send us Thy salvation;
Thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding
Through all creation.

EMBODIED CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Please stand if you are able.

We Are One in the Spirit — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Verse 1, From Glory to God

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored
Refrain
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4: 4-9 — Jennifer Cole

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Suzanne Trump

"Just Show Up!"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN — #146

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! — VINEYARD HAVEN

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

2 Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. (**Refrain**)

3 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. (**Refrain**)

4 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. (**Refrain**)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory There Is a Balm In Gilead arr. Howard Helvey

Kelly Schmidt, mezzo-soprano

*Doxology #414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought (Verse 3) FOREST GREEN

3 With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 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

Music During Communion New Wine Brooke Ligertwood

Contemporary Ensemble

*SENDING HYMN #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Your Grace is Enough Matt Maher

Contemporary Ensemble