FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

# Second Sunday in Lent
# Traditional Service
# March 13, 2022

## *The Service for the Lord's Day*

## *WE GATHER*

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fughetta" Healy Willan

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us in the night:
**People: Before the sun rises, before the wound heals; before there are answers, before there is closure.**
Leader: God meets us in the light:
**People: Where joy sparkles, where laughter gleams; where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk.**
Leader: God meets us in all those places, and everywhere in between.
**People: God is all around, and always with us. Let us worship God!**

**Gathering Hymn** **WONDROUS LOVE**

**85 What Wondrous Love is This**

**1** What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the *heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the *heavy cross for my soul!

**2** To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

**3** And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

* Please stand if you are able.

## *WE CONFESS*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you invite us to listen for your Word and to truly hear it, responding with lives of faithfulness and love. But we respond too often like Peter instead: we argue what we don't know; we fear what we cannot see; and we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. Help us to hear you more clearly, and know you more fully, so we can serve you more faithfully.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## *WE LISTEN*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:31-38 Jeanne Hunsicker

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

SERMON "Listen Up" The Rev. J.C. Austin

## *WE RESPOND*

*Sermon Hymn #310

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

**1** Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

**2** Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

**3** O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

**4** But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

**5** Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

## 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 "Offertory", from *Requiem*, Op. 48 Gabriel Faure
Chancel Choir

O lord, Jesus Christ, king of glory
free the souls of the dead from the punishment of hell and the deep pit.
O Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the dead souls from the mouth of the lion,
so they are not swallowed by hell and do not fall into darkness.
Sacrifices and prayers to you, lord, with praise we offer
receive them for those souls whom today we remember.
Make them, Lord, from death cross over to life
as once to Abraham you promised and to his seed.

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

340 This is My Song FINLANDIA

See Insert *(Sung along with congregations around the US in solidarity with the people of Ukraine)*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude No. 5 in G, from *Six Pieces for Organ*, Op. 101 Charles V. Stanford

Announcements:

- For those attending in person, please pass the red pew pad and add your name. If you are new to our church, please complete a "Connect Card" available on the table in the Narthex.

- All are welcome to attend tomorrow's Hi Neighbors informational program, in person in Fellowship Hall. We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. for a Hospitality Time, followed by the program at 10 a.m. Danielle Moore of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office will present "10 Scams," which should be interesting and informative.

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