FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

June 30, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Lord You Hear the Cry — Geraldine Agatha Latty
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #469
Morning Has Broken — BUNESSAN

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

*Please stand if you are able.

EMBODIED CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #300

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

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
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 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Jim Stahl

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Cynthia Simmons

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN #435

We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

1 We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Apostles' Creed)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 My Lord, What a Morning arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Madison Zahorsky, Soprano

My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound,
to hear the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner moan,
to hear the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christian shout,
to hear the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall.

*Doxology #414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 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

*SENDING HYMN #432

Song of Hope ARGENTINA

Please sing this hymn twice and those who know Spanish are invited to sing the hymn in Spanish the second time through.

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Everything that Has Breath Reuben Morgan