

# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Fifth Sunday After Easter

Online Traditional Service

May 17, 2020



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

### *WE GATHER*

PRELUDE Pastorale

Howard Pangborn

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before Thee,  
Come Thou also down to me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heaven on earth must be;  
To my heart O enter Thou,  
Let it be Thy temple now.

3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee,  
Let Thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee,  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows,  
Here is balm for all our woes.

## *WE CONFESS*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you have set us free from the power of sin, and free for loving service to you and our neighbors. But we struggle with what it means to live in the freedom of your Spirit. We are often tempted to submit again to selfishness, to indifference, even to fear. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit once again, that we may live in freedom and in faithfulness, and your love may shine forth from our lives.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *WE LISTEN*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sarabande" from Partita No. 1 BWV 825

Johann S. Bach

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1, 12-25

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Loving Freedom"

### *WE RESPOND*

#### 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.

## 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 Meditation

Charles-Edouard Lefebvre

\*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

#455

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNSERFREUEN

Verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 And everyone of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE