

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

Digital Traditional Service

February 7, 2021



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Prelude for a Communion Service"

Eugene Gigout

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING 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 always.

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.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to us to tell us and the whole world the good news of your kingdom and to give us abundant and eternal life. And yet it is all too easy for us to seek to contain Jesus: to keep him in predictable and comfortable places, to explain where he should and should not go, to define who is worth healing and saving and who is beyond hope. Forgive us, Lord; help us to seek to follow Jesus instead of lead him, to go wherever he goes, and to take up our own ministries of healing and hope in his name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:29-39

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Always on the Move”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#399

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Adagio

Cesar Franck

*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

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 now 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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Verses 1 and 3

#504

UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

3 All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

#538

SICILIAN MARINERS

1 Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

3 So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" from La Peri

Paul Dukas/arr. Robert Gower