

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Digital Traditional Service

August 2, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Andante Tranquillo" from Seven Sketches for Organ P. Whitlock

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#487

When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all truth, your Word holds good through all the seasons and changes of our lives; but we confess that we are often tentative and timid disciples, even as we are quick to judge the thoughts and opinions of others. Steady us, O God, and make us bold in your service. Help us to be true to you and to ourselves, even as we open our hearts and minds, listening and speaking graciously to those whose experience and understanding may be very different from our own. Make us agents of reconciliation in a troubled and conflicted world; and, as we come to your table today, embolden us, sustain us, and so help us to grow into the full stature of the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Wann kommst du, mein Heil?", BWV 140

Johann S. Bach

Madison Zahorsky, soprano

Bryan McClary, baritone

When will You come, my Savior?

- I come, as Your portion. -

I wait with burning oil.

Now open the hall

- I open the hall -

for the heavenly meal.

Come, Jesus!

- I come, come, lovely soul! -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55: 1-5

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“Imagine!”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.

2 There sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Adagio" from Two Short Pieces for Organ

C. 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

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

"Communio"

Leon Boellmann

CLOSING HYMN

#540

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

1 God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Rondo-Fanfare"

Jean-Joseph Mouret/ arr. Thomas Murray