FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship Service
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Now the Silence — Carl Shultz/arr. P. Chapin

Cynthia Weber, Piano

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the light of this day we have gathered;
We are a community that is one, bringing our questions and our joy.
In the song and silence we will listen –
What is it that God would have us hear this day?
In our praise and our prayers we will remember
That God's glory shines around us and within.
So let us worship God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun — DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

*EMBODIED CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (from *Glory to God* – see end of bulletin)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying — CHILDREN PRAYING

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Please stand as you are able.

SCRIPTURE Rich Hjorth

Gospel: Matthew 6:5-15

Epistle: James 5:13-18

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Karen Kinney

"Praying in Tandem: From Secret Closets to Healing Communities"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What has been your prayer life? What has provided comfort or been challenging? What might it mean to have prayer partners?

*SERMON HYMN #403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the *Confession of 1967. 9.26*)

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Litany (inspired by Matthew 6:5-14, Luke 11:1-13):

As we gather together: **Lord, teach us to pray**

~ "Lord Teach Us to Pray: Responsive Reading," by Chuck Fromm and Jeremy Armstrong, as found in "Lord Teach Us To Pray," Worship Leader Magazine (September-October 2015). Posted on Preach the Story. https://preachthestory.com/

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Going home" John Arnold

Kellen Pisani, Guitar

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #438
Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sound the Call William Barnett
Cynthia Weber, Piano

Flowers given in honor of Bob and Jeanne Hunsicker on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary – June 11, 1966

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

TEXT and MUSIC: Ken Medema, 1970 CHILDREN PRAYING
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