FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 13, 2023

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Everything That Has Breath — Reuben Morgan
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME
*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN
Come All You People (from *Glory to God* – see insert) — Uyai Mose

EMBODIED CONFESSON

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE John 3:1-17 — Betsy Simpson
Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — The Rev. Dr. Ginny Smith

"An Invitation to Transformation"

WE RESPOND

*Please stand if you are able.

*SERMON HYMN #398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Chorus
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
(Chorus)

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 En Priere ("In Prayer") Gabriel Faure

Madison Zahorsky, Soprano

Translation

If the voice of a child can reach up to you,
O my Father,
listen to this prayer from Jesus,
kneeling before You!

If you have chosen me to teach your laws
here on earth,
I shall know how to serve You, mighty King of kings,
O Light!

Place the salutary truth upon my lips, Lord
so that he who doubts, may revere you
with humility!

Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness needed
to lessen pains, to relieve suffering
and misery!

Reveal Yourself to me, O Lord in whom I believe and I hope:
For You I wish to suffer and to die upon the cross at Calvary!

*Doxology

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

Verse 1 (from *Glory to God* – see below)

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN

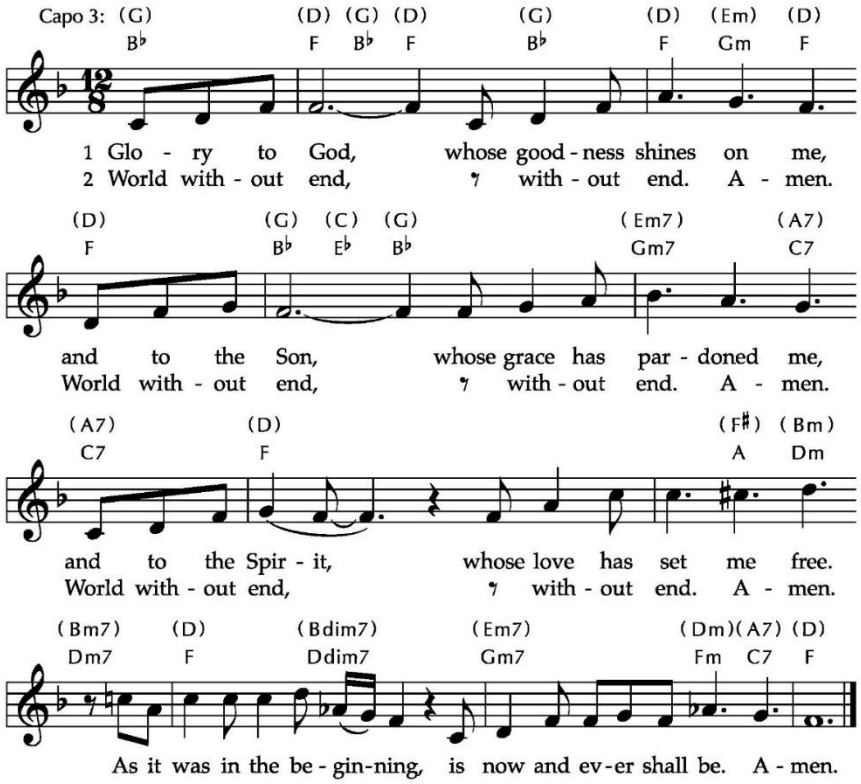
We Are Marching in the Light of God (from *Glory to God* – see insert) SIYAHAMBA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE God be with you till we meet again arr. J. Bert Carlson

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



GATHERING

388 Come All You People

Uyai mose



853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba



This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

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SIYAHAMBA
Irregular



Additional stanzas ad lib.:
We are dancing…
We are praying…
We are singing…