

# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## Communion Sunday

### Digital Traditional Service

June 7, 2020



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

#### *WE GATHER*

PRELUDE "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"

setting Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
Delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
A little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
All creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

#### *WE CONFESS*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, in such difficult and conflicted times, we are uncertain what it means to be faithful. We are filled with anxiety, anger, confusion, despair, and fear. And we know such feelings are not sinful in themselves, but they can lead us away from the ministry to which you call us as Christ's disciples. We focus on defending ourselves instead of listening to others. We spend our energy wondering what we can do instead of doing what we can. We worry more about making a mistake than doing nothing. We question and evaluate our neighbors more than we love them. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit anew. Send us out in your Spirit with the wisdom, courage, and humility to be instruments of your justice, mercy, and peace in a world that is so desperate for them.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*WE LISTEN*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Putting Things in Order"

*WE RESPOND*

## HYMN

#413

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

1 All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice,  
all who curse and all who bless:

2 In your day of wealth and plenty,  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus,  
"You must work while it is day."

3 For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near a world that spurns him,

offering peace from Calvary's hill.  
4 Risen Lord, shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our judge, our glory.  
Be its name "The Lord is there!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Sing Me to Heaven"

Daniel Gawthrop

Madison Zahorsky, soprano

In my heart's sequestered chambers  
Lie truths stripped of poet's gloss  
Words alone are vain and vacant  
And my heart is mute  
In response to aching silence  
Memory summons half-heard voices  
And my soul finds primal eloquence  
And wraps me in song  
Wraps me, in song

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby  
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God  
Sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven

Touch in me all love and passion  
Pain and pleasure, touch in me  
Touch in me, grief and comfort  
Love and passion, pain and pleasure  
Sing me a lullaby  
A love song  
A requiem  
Love me, comfort me  
Sing me to God  
Sing me a love song  
Sing me to Heaven

\*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

Variations on "Amazing Grace"

setting Jean Langlais

CLOSING HYMN

#420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!

5 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in G, op. 134 no. 6

Gustav Merkel