FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Third Sunday in Lent
Traditional Service
March 20, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Down to the River to Pray arr. Nathaniel Hawk

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Again and again, we come to this time of worship;
People: Again and again we come, and God is here.
Leader: Again and again, we move towards God;
People: Again and again, we are met, and heard, and shown the way.
All: Come, let us worship God together once again!

Gathering Hymn **ES FLOG EIN KLEINS**
 # 435 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

* Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we build the tables that seek to control access to you instead of overturning them. We turn the church as a place of insiders, welcoming those who are willing to conform to our existing ways. But Christ taught that his message was for all, and that he transforms or overturns everything that seeks to limit the reach and power of your grace. Forgive us, Lord, and flip over every table that needs to be removed, so that we and everyone else may know the unlimited abundance of your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22 Phil Fair

Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Show, Don't Tell" The Rev. J.C. Austin

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #533
For the Fruits of All Creation
EAST ACKLAM

1 For the fruit of all creation,
Thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 "Offertory" P. Williams/arr. Nathaniel Hawk

When the River Meets the Sea

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.

SENDING HYMN
391 Take My Life Hendon
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

1 Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take
my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE I Go But to the Lord James B. Coats

The flowers in the sanctuary today are donated by the Dyer family, in Loving Memory of Shirley Dyer and Jane Pendergast.

Announcements:

- For those in person, please pass the red pew pad and add your name. If you are new to our church, please complete a "Connect Card" available on the table in the Narthex.
- All are welcome to attend tomorrow's Hi Neighbors informational program, an armchair travelogue to "Visit the English Rivera" with Bob and Madeline Brown. It begins with a Hospitality Time at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, followed by the program at 10 a.m.
- On Wednesday we will offer the second of three sessions, "The Lenten Wilderness Series," in person and via Zoom. The sessions will run from 7-8:15 p.m. in classrooms in the Children's Center (enter the building via the Kirk Center doors). Zoom link: bit.ly/3MnQByz

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