FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Uncreated One — Andrew Meek & Jonathan Lewis
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #443
O Christ, the Great Foundation — AURELIA

1 O Christ the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

2 Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one fellowship united
in love beyond our own
by grace we were invited,
by grace we make you known.

3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened
and righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

4 This is the moment glorious
When He who once was dead
Shall lead His church victorious,
Their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
His heavenly kingdom brings,
The final consummation,
The glory of all things.

*Please stand if you are able.

EMBODIED CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

WE LISTEN

SCRIPTURE Amos 5:10-15; 21-24 — Betsy Simpson

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

SERMON — The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"The Great Ends of the Church 5: Promotion of Social Righteousness"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN — #126

Where Justice Rolls Down — Arr. Stromberg/Carlson/Donley

Chorus
Where justice rolls down like a mighty water
And righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed

Verse 1
There is a river that streams from the temple
Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea
As it grows healing it will give
Where it flows ev'rything will live

Verse 2
Wade in the water and feel the strong current
Remember the stagnance of stale life before
God is here leave the past behind
In these clear waters you will find

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged. That God calls the church to follow God in this. That God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

That the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like and ever-flowing stream. That in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

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 "Adagio" from *Organ Symphony* No. 5, Op. 42 — Charles-Marie Widor

*Doxology — #414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought — FOREST GREEN

3 With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth *(*from *Glory to God;* see insert*)* — ENVIADO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" from *5 Works for Organ* — Healey Willan

Flowers are given by Ruth Willis in loving memory of her parents, Alice and Richard Willis, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willis and Mr. and Mrs. John Heimbrook

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

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