

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Third Sunday After Pentecost Digital Traditional Service



June 21, 2020

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude on "O Waly Waly"

arr. J. Bert Carlson

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power hath made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

4 Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFSSION

Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us not to grow weary in doing what is right. But we confess that we are often tempted by the invitation of weariness all the same. Sometimes it is not clear what the right thing is to do, and we are exhausted by the effort of trying to discern that and do it. Sometimes the right thing to do is all too clear, and we are exhausted by the idea of what it will take to do it. We wish that those who came before us had done it already; we consider leaving it for those who come after us to do. Lord, fill us with your Spirit so we may have a clear sense of your will; guide us as we seek to fulfill it; and give us the strength and stamina and courage to do so, so we may both receive and share the fullness of your peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC "Deep River"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Rebecca Ripley, soprano

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast?
That promised land, where all is peace?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:1-16

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“A Clear Signal”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Prayer, Op. 17 No. 1

Alexander Guilmant

*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

CLOSING HYMN

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

#282

WER NUR DER LIEBEN GOTT

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent;
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Finale" from Largo and Finale

W. Wolstenholme