

# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

### Digital Traditional Service

August 16, 2020



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

#### *WE GATHER*

PRELUDE "Prelude" No. 2 in G, Op. 37

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#416

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever,  
And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With Your wonted lovingkindness  
Hear Your people as they pray,  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

3 Here bestow on all Your servants  
What they ask of You to gain,  
What they gain from You forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run.

## *WE CONFESS*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, in difficult times we turn to you for blessings, for comfort, for sustenance with renewed appreciation for the abundance of your grace and love. And yet we still sometimes think there should be limits on who should be able to receive your gifts, have a seat at your table, be welcomed into your presence. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to share all that we have received with everyone we meet, so that we may truly be servants in and of your kingdom.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## *WE LISTEN*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

Our father, which are 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 thy is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. Forever.  
Amen!

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:21-28

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"The Best-Laid Plans"

*WE RESPOND*

HYMN

#261

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

1 God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;  
Giver of grace for our needs all availing,  
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,  
Patience untiring and courage unfailing.

2 Wandering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,  
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy Word of consoling;  
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,  
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

3 How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,  
Thou who the stars in their courses art guiding?  
What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,  
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?

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 "Elegia" Op. 50 no. 4

O. Ravanello

\*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

There's a Spirit in the Air

#433

LAUDS

Verses 1-4

1 There's a spirit in the air,  
Telling Christians everywhere;  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working in our world!"

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
Tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

3 When believers break the bread,  
When a hungry child is fed,  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working in our world.

4 Still the Spirit gives us light,  
Seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in A

Horatio Parker