

**First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Digital Traditional Service**

**June 28, 2020**



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

***WE GATHER***

PRELUDE "Preludio", Op. 67 No. 1

Oreste Ravanello

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#386

O For a World

AZMON

1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***WE CONFESS***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us to "be doers of the Word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." But we confess that it is easy to deceive ourselves that hearing is enough; that our intentions are good and our**

hearts are pure, and you call us more to the idea of faithfulness rather than to a life of it. Help us to know how to do your Word in our lives and actions, so that we may be blessed by you in our doing, and be a blessing for you to others in doing so.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *WE LISTEN*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Blessed Assurance”

Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Chet Brown, Baritone

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE James 1:19-27

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“A Command Performance”

## *WE RESPOND*

HYMN

#357

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

MARYTON

1 O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

## 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 "Interludio", Op. 67 No. 1

Oreste 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

#276

FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Declare"

Benedetto Marcello