

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem



First Sunday in Lent

Digital Traditional Service

February 21, 2021

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Gymnopedie No. 1

Erik Satie/arr. Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

#85

WONDEROUS LOVE

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the *heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the *heavy cross for my soul!

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you set us free from all that would hold us down or hold us back from the abundant life you intend for us. Yet so often we continue in the familiar patterns of our old ways, even when they do not bring us life. You call us to set aside our desires so we may embrace your will, but we refuse to let go. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us to find our place behind Christ; help us to lose ourselves in following Christ, so that we might live into the joy of your purpose for us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC II. Adagio, from Sonata No. 8 "Pathetique" L. van Beethoven

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:31-38

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Losing to Win"

The Rev. J.C. Austin

WE RESPOND

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#383

OLIVET

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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 Turn Thy Face from my Sins

Thomas Attwood

Virtual Chancel Choir

*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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

#393

BOURBON

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would My disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,

And humbly follow after Me.

2 Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
Thy Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
And calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to victory o'er the grave.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in G, op. 134 no. 6

Gustav Merkel