First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Third Sunday in Lent

Digital Traditional Service

March 7, 2021

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Andante from 'Capriol Suite' Peter Warlock/arr. Noel Rawsthorne

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN #366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ST. CATHERINE

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live,
Myself to Thee, entirely give.

2 O, grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
May every act, word, thought be love.

3 O love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you call us together as the Body of Christ, empowered to incarnate Christ's loving presence in our life together and our service to others. But we find it so easy to focus on the many parts instead of the one Body, debating over which parts of the body are essential and honorable and important, and which are unnecessary, or embarrassing, or useless. Forgive us, Lord; bless us with grace, humility, and love so that we may see Christ in each other, and together embody Christ in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON — The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Stuck Together"

WE RESPOND

HYMN — #284

O God, What You Ordain Is Right — WAS GOTT TUT

1 O God, what You ordain is right,
Your holy will abiding;
I shall be still, whate'er You do,
And follow where You are guiding.
You are my God;
Though dark my road,
You hold me that I shall not fall;
Wherefore to You I leave it all.

2 O God, what You ordain is right;
You never will deceive me.
You lead me by the proper path;
I know You will not leave me.
And take, content,
What You have sent;
Your hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait Your day.

3 O God, what You ordain is right;
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
Your watchful care
Is round me there;
You hold me that I shall not fall,
And so to You I leave it all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Let it be Consecrated" Mark Hayes

*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

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give thanks and praise.
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise…
As our Savior Christ has taught us, so now we pray:

The 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

"Panis Angelicus" Cesar Franck

Rebecca Erhardt, Soprano

CLOSING 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 alway.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE 6. "Alla Marcia" from *Preludes and Voluntaries* Set 2 Eric H. Thiman