FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Traditional Service
April 3, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Legende" Op. 59 No.2 F. Peeters

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Every week is a new week, another chance to say,
People: "Here I am. Use me!"
Leader: Every day is a new day, another chance to say,
People: "Thank you for yesterday; thank you for tomorrow."
Leader: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,
People: "Again and again, make me new."
Leader: We do not come to this place to stay the same;
People: We come to this place to be changed.
Leader: So let us worship Holy God, who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.
People: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN #393
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 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.

*Please stand if you are able.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we know that Jesus comes to us offering life as you always intended it: a life free to love and serve you and our neighbors; a life free to follow Jesus where he leads us; a life that is abundant and eternal in you. Yet we so easily forget the promises and gifts you freely offer, and spend our time anxiously scrabbling for anything that might help us save our own lives. Forgive us and set us free from such anxiety, Lord, that we may know the peace of life in you, and that we might bear good fruit as we do.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 12:20-33 Joanne Kelhart

Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Seeds of Life"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON 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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Agnus Dei", from *Requiem*, Op. 48 — Gabriel Faure

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant them rest, everlasting rest.
May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, with Thy saints for ever, because Thou are merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them.

*Doxology — #592

Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Communion "Andante Tranquillo" from Sonata III, Op. 65 F. Mendelssohn

*SENDING HYMN #425

Lord Of Light, Your Name Outshining ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace. Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son. Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

2 By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field, by the courage, where the radiance of the cross is still revealed, by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won. Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel. With your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal. Lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun - Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

4 By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night, by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all, and healing light, by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one, Lord of light, as in highest heaven, so on earth Thy will be done.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Risoluto" Op. 65, No. 5 Horatio Parker

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