

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Digital Traditional Service

July 26, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Elegy

Harold Drake

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

#282

WER NUR DER LIEBEN GOTT

Rebecca Ripley, soprano

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure
And all-discerning love hath sent;
No doubt our inmost wants are clear
To One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul secured by trust indeed.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you have called us and sent us into the world to seek your peace for everyone in it. But we struggle with the power and the fullness of your peace. We confuse peace with a lack of conflict; we mistake identifying unjust divisions for creating them; we crave reconciliation without repentance. Forgive us, Lord; help us to recognize and accept the fullness of your peace in ourselves, so we can know your peace and share it with others in our lives and ministry.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC "In dir ist freude", BWV 615

Johann S. Bach

Luke DiGiacinto, organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Exiled Home"

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

Dr. Chris Jackson. Baritone

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4 Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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 "Vater is Unser himmelreich", BWV 737

Johann S. Bach

*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

We All Are One In Mission

#435

Es FLOG EIN KLEINS

Lauren Madigan, mezzo-soprano

1 We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together

That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service
To witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Grand Jeu & Dialogue, Book 2

Louis Marchand