FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Service
The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE I. "Con moto maestoso", from *Sonata No. 3* Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Barbara Thomson, Guest Organist

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity
People: it is like the precious oil on the head on the beard of Aaron running down his collar
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion
People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN #122
Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

1 Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine is the glory,
Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won.

*Please stand if you are able.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting. **[Refrain]**

3 No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without Thee;
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To Thy home above. **[Refrain]**

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

In this Easter Season we celebrate and give you thanks that you have chosen us as your daughters and sons through the gift of baptism in which we are joined to Jesus in birth, death, and resurrection. You call us into community and call us to care for each other. Yet in thought, word, and deed we put ourselves and our needs first. We neglect to share what you have first given us with others. We are more concerned that we have ample resources and leave others with nothing. Forgive us and empower us to care for each other. Enable us to see those in need in our community and guide us to be generous with our resources and our words. Through the Holy Spirit may we be united into one as your body in Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 4: 32-35 Betsy Simpson
Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. Suzanne Trump

"This Changes Everything"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN #111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;
Let every tongue rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Domine Deus", from *Gloria* RV 588 Antonio Vivaldi

Madison Zahorsky, Soprano

Lord God, heavenly king,
God the father almighty

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom 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 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 Music

*SENDING HYMN #371

Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
(Refrain)

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
(Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally.
(Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. **(Refrain)**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In Thee is Gladness" Johann Sebastian Bach

Flowers from Pam Phillippe in memory of Michael Phillippe