

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

World Communion Sunday

Digital Traditional Service

October 4, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE 1. "Mode de re", from Huit Pieces Modales

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

2 The church from You, dear Savior,
Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;

O teach Your wandering pilgrims
By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
We see You face to face.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we spend so much time and energy finding and securing our place in the world, even as we look for a better one and envy those who have it. Help us to let go of the anxiety and fear that drive us so often, and to listen for Christ's call to us to come closer and take the place that he has prepared for us, that we may know the joy of being served at his table, and the blessing of serving others around us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC "Wayfaring Stranger"

arr. John Jacob Niles

Rebecca Erhardt, Soprano

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger
Traveling through this world below
There is no sickness, no toil, nor danger
In that bright land to which I go

I'm going there to see my Father
And all my loved ones who've gone on
I'm just going over Jordan
I'm just going over home

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me
I know my way is hard and steep
But beauteous fields arise before me
Where God's redeemed, their vigils keep
I'm going there to see my Mother
She said she'd meet me when I come

So, I'm just going over Jordan
I'm just going over home
I'm just going over Jordan
I'm just going over home

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:1, 7-14

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Moving Up”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

#340

This is My Song, O God of All the Nations

FINLANDIA

Performed and prepared by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

1 This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar
and mine.
This is my home, the country
where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine;

2 But other hearts in other lands
are beating
With hopes and dreams as true
and high as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than
the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

3 But other lands have sunlight too
and clover,
And skies are everywhere as
blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God of all
the nations,
A song of peace for their land
and for mine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rev. Dr. Steve Simmons

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Pastorale" on Engelberg

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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

Let us Break Bread

arr. Anne Krentz

CLOSING HYMN

#399

We Walk By Faith, and Not By Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

Flor Peeters