# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## Second Sunday of Easter

## Digital Traditional Service

## April 11, 2021

## *The Service for the Lord's Day*

### *WE GATHER*

PRELUDE "Prelude" No. 2 in G, Op. 37 — Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN — #409

God is Here! — ABBOT'S LEHIGH

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant

seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,

## *WE CONFESS*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious and right all the time, we miss out on the strange wisdom and unfettered joy of your mysterious ways. Clinging to the despair and fear, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, Resurrected One, and make us open to the startling and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's colorful laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through our risen Lord. Amen**.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## *WE LISTEN*

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah
Kelsey Kish, Soprano George Fredrich Handel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 Al Philpotts
Leader: The word of the Lord
**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Closer to Fine"

## *WE RESPOND*

HYMN #817

We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your 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 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Humoresque" from L'organo primitivo Pietro A. Yon

*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 #539

We Will Go Out With Joy WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

1 We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.

Refrain
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Now anyone who's born of the Spirit;
Sing a song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit;
Sing a song of joy.
(Refrain)

3 We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.
(Refrain)

Ending
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude in A Horatio Parker