FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Service
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November 13, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude in classical style — Soren Mugridge, guest organist

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
People: sing the glory of God's name!
Leader: Bless our God, O peoples;
People: let the sounds of God's praise be heard!
All: Come, let us worship God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #425
Lord of Light, Your Name Outstanding — 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.

Please stand if you are able.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, Scripture tells us that you are able to accomplish far more than all we can ask for or imagine. Yet we often act as if everything depends on us. We often fear to ask for or even imagine anything than what we can see or accomplish on our own. Help us to trust in you and your limitless grace, and empower us to be your bold and loving servants, so that we may share the light of your love to the ends of the earth.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-13 Betsy Simpson

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

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Fruit that Will Last: The Net Result"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #375

Lord of All Good TOULON

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to thee:
Use them thy holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to thy will.

2 We give our mind to understand thy ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice
to serve thy great design;
Heart with the flame
of thine own love ablaze,
Till for thy glory all our powers combine.

3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,
To thee with grateful hearts
ourselves we give.

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION "Stewardship" Melody Engel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF 2023 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Call to Give

Offertory Come, Pure Hearts David Catherwood

Chancel Choir

Come, pure hearts,
in sweetest measures
Sing of those who spread the treasures
In the holy gospels shrined:

Blessed tidings of salvation,
Blessed tidings of salvation,
Peace on earth, their proclamation,
Love from God to lost mankind.

See the Rivers Four that gladden
With their streams the better
Eden planted by our Lord most dear:

Christ the fountain, these the waters,
Christ the fountain, these the waters;
Drink, O Zion's sons and daughters,
Drink and find, find it here.

O that we, thy truth confessing
And thy holy word possessing,
Jesu, may thy love adore;

Unto thee our voices raising,
Unto thee our voices raising,
Thee with all thy ransomed praising,
Ever and forevermore,
Ever and forevermore.

*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

*SENDING HYMN #414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FORREST GREEN

1 As those of old their firstfruits brought
Of vineyard, flock, and field
To God, the giver of all good,
The source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring,
The wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home,
Of mind and heart and hand.

2 A world in need now summons us
To labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering
To God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
To make the dream come true;
A world redeemed by Christ-like love,
All life in Christ made new.

3 With gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause,
but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us
In Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 Benedetto Marcello

Soren Mugridge, guest organist