FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Summer Worship Service
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE The Lord's My Shepherd — Bob Chilcott

Kelly Schmidt, mezzo soprano

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *(sung to the tune of hymn 355)* — NETTLETON

WE CONFESS

*EMBODIED CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit (verse 1 and Chorus) — Peter Scholtes

Verse 1

We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit,
We are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (Common English Bible)

John 14:1-4

Book of Revelation: Revelation 7:9-17 — Kate Arrington

*Please stand if you are able

SERMON Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

Life-Giving Water

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Where do you experience the renewal and hope God's life-giving water in your life? What reminds you of God's promises and love affirmed in our baptismal practices?

*SERMON HYMN

Living Waters Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

Verse 1
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3
Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Verse 4
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Ending
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michelle Ritchart Masthay, child of Bekah and Ted Masthay

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory: At the River — Aaron Copland

Summer Choir

*DOXOLOGY

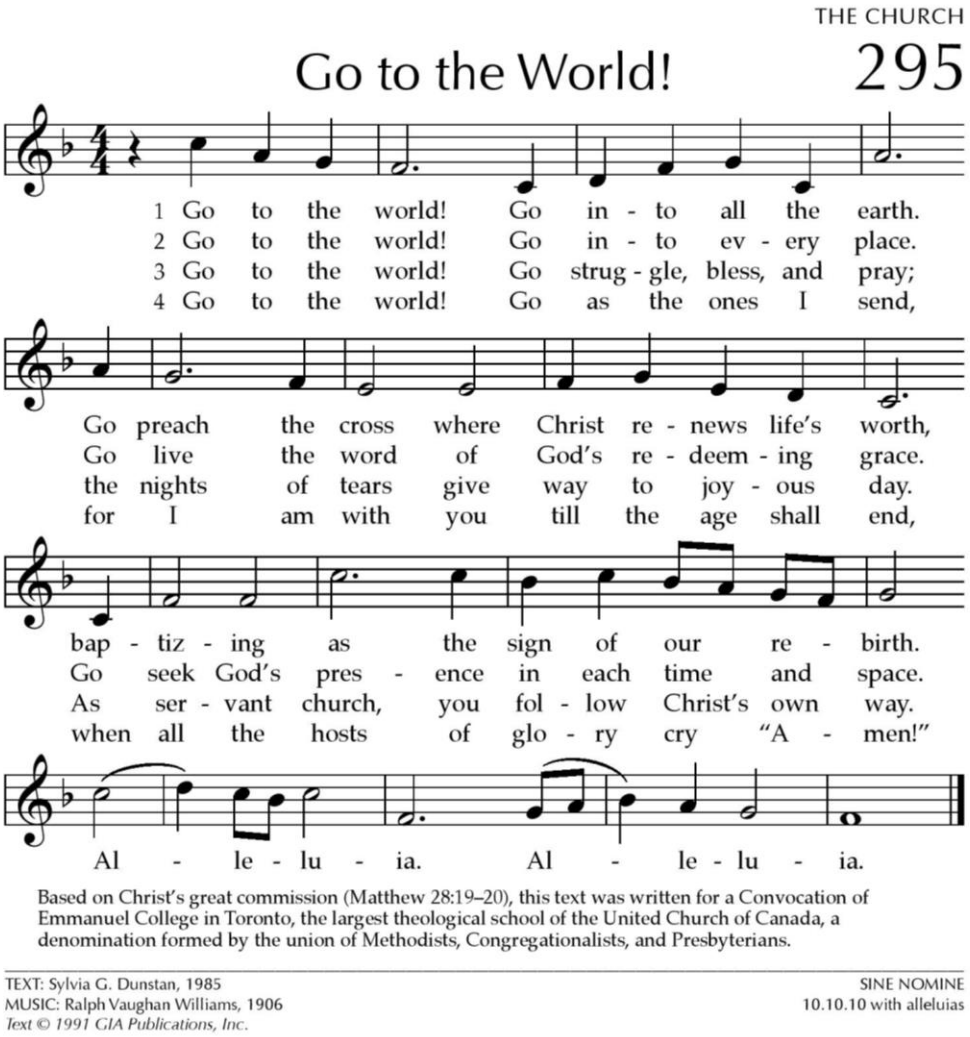
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (from *Glory to God)* — GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

Go to the World! (from *Glory to God*) SINE NOMINE



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bless the Lord Jared Anderson

Contemporary Ensemble

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!