

**First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem**

**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Digital Traditional Service**

**July 12, 2020**



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

***WE GATHER***

PRELUDE Fugue on the name "Bach", Op. 60, no. 3

Robert Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

1 Eternal God, whose power upholds  
Both flower and flaming star,  
To whom there is no here nor there,  
No time, no near nor far,  
No alien race, no foreign shore,  
No child unsought, unknown:  
O send us forth, Thy prophets true,  
To make all lands Thine own!

2 O God of love, whose Spirit wakes  
In every human breast,  
Whom love, and love alone, can know,  
In whom all hearts find rest:  
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign  
Till greed and hate shall cease,  
And kindness dwell in human hearts,  
And all the earth find peace!

4 O God of beauty, oft revealed  
In dreams of human art,  
In speech that flows to melody,  
In holiness of heart:

Teach us to turn from sinfulness  
That shuts our hearts to Thee,  
Till all shall know the loveliness  
Of lives made fair and free!

O God of righteousness and grace,  
Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,  
Whose life and death reveal Thy face,  
By whom Thy will was done:  
Inspire Thy heralds of good news  
To live Thy life divine,  
Till Christ has formed in all mankind  
And every land is Thine!

### *WE CONFESS*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and Loving God, you call us together as your people out of love, and you call us to love you with all our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we struggle with the temptation to focus on ourselves at the expense of both you and our neighbors: to provide for our own needs, follow our own hearts, secure our own salvation. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust in you and work for the well-being of others, so that our lives may bear fruit that embody the sweetness and sustenance of your love.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### *WE LISTEN*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Oh, had I Jubal's Lyre", from Joshua, HWV 64

George Frideric Handel

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice.  
Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice.  
To sounds like his, I would aspire, to sounds like his I would aspire  
In songs like hers, in songs like hers

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,  
In songs, In songs, in songs, rejoice, rejoice, in songs like hers, rejoice.

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice.

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre, or Miriam's tuneful voice.  
To sounds...to sounds, like his I would aspire  
In songs, like hers, in songs like hers,  
rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice  
in songs like her rejoice

My humble strains but faintly, how much to heavn' and thee I owe  
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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Amos 8:1-12

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Up with a Twist”

## *WE RESPOND*

HYMN

#450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
Delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
A little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
All creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Andante Religioso", from Sonata IV, op. 65      Felix Mendelssohn

\*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

#380

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT, UNS HERR

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,  
How weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths  
Unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills:  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In Your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE No. 7 "Fughetta" from 10 Pieces pour grand orgue Theodore Dubois