

Growing together ...in Faith...Reason...Service...and Love

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Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A)



2 October 2022 -- Order of Worship

World Communion Sunday

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Preparation for Worship:

"What's the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

~Henry David Thoreau

Prelude

Prière à Notre Dame

Boëllmann

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

Prayer of Adoration

Mighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

Call to Prayer

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try to come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins to God, and also to each other.

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Words of Assurance

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***The Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Time with the Children

All children from preschool through third grade are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

II Timothy 1:1-14

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 784

By the Waters of Babylon

Psalm 137

Please remain seated. Sing three times.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 17:5-10

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Gospel Response

Threefold Amen

Sermon

"Increase Our Faith"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Offering

Anthem

For All the Faithful Women

Hymn 324

***Response 592: The Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

For World Communion Sunday, a variety of different ethnic breads are brought forward to represent the diversity of God's people. An empty basket symbolizes the 2.4 billion (one-third of this world's people) who face food insecurity. When the minister invites the congregation forward, please form two lines in the center aisle. Take the bread and juice, but hold it until the minister instructs the congregation to commune. Return to the side aisle, but not to your pew. We will commune while standing in the side aisles and facing each other.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Sung by choir and congregation

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Hymn 523

The People Commune

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Welcome and Next Steps

*Closing Hymn 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Extroit

Sevenfold Amen

*Postlude

Prelude on Hyfrodyl

R.V. Williams

Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.

If you have a prayer request, please write it on the white prayer request card located in your pew. You may place it in the offering plate located in the narthex to be printed next week. Prayer concerns will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Prayers are requested for:

Bower Hill Church Members

Inese Baumhammers
Joan McAnulty, Jeff Carper
Gloria Child, Jean Dunfee
Georgia Gallo, Nina Helbling
Nate Ivey, Linda James
Tim Lease, Dottie Post



Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns **Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.**

Jim Casey, friend of Glenn and Sally Child, for significant health concerns.

Dave, friend of Karl Casey, who has been diagnosed and being treated for an aggressive cancer of the lung, lymph nodes, and brain.

Linda, sister of Nancy Andrews, for sever Rheumatoid Arthritis with lung damage and Colitis.

Family of Neal Harrison, who passed away on 9/6/22.

Michael Kalal, cousin of Sally Child, for significant health concerns.

Pam McMillion, mother of Rachel McElroy, who has been diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer and in need of supportive prayers so that she can find healing.

The family of Dave Murdoch, father of Deb Carter, who passed away on 9/16/22.

Rocco Rizzo, father of JoAnn Goode, recovering from a heart attack.

Brian Shanahan for health concerns, requested by the Rising Family

Paul Tallant, hospitalized following a serious auto accident, son of Marsha Tallant, friend of Lynne Wohleber's.

Marty Whayley, friend of Mike Riemer, who is in stage 4 liver failure.

Family of Marilyn Whitmore, PHD., on her passing, a close friend and archival colleague of Lynne Wohleber.