

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

# BOWER HILL

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



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Preparation for Worship:  
"If you think you're enlightened, go spend a week with your family."  
~Ram Dass

**Prelude** *Dearest Jesus, At Your Word* Paul Manz

**Choral Introit** *This Is the Day*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us trust in the Lord,

**People: and we will be kept from harm.**

Leader: Let us delight in the Lord,

**People: and we will be granted the desires of our hearts.**

Leader: Let us commit our way to the Lord,

**People: and the Lord will act with mercy. Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the way to live and how to treat others with love. May your Holy Spirit cleanse our minds, hearts, and actions so that we may love others as you have loved us.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn 451** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

**Call to Prayer**

The God of every blessing looks upon us with grace and favor, even when we are captive to the curse of sin. Trusting in our gracious God, let us renounce all that is evil and seek the mercy of the Lord. Together, let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way. You bless the poor with the promise of your realm, but we seek earthly treasure. You bless the hungry with the promise of fullness of life, but we are seldom satisfied with enough. You bless the brokenhearted with the promise of laughter, but we praise positivity and have little time for the mournful. You bless the despised with the promise of reward, but we seek approval and distrust those who are different. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a blessing to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

[Silent prayers]

**Words of Assurance**

Receive the blessing of the living God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: In him we are 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**      *Please practice **contact-free** passing of 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

#### Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the Lord, help us to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captive, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Let this be the time of your favor. Let your Word be fulfilled today; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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Ethan Fuson, Life Scout

#### The Psalter: Psalm 37

Intoned by Art Thomas and the Chancel Choir

#### PSALM 37

(1-11)

Hal H. Hopson



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#### Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

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Zack O'Connor, Life Scout

#### Gospel Response

*Praise to You, Lord Christ*

#### Sermon

**"The Measure You Give"**

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

#### Congregational Response

*Spirit of the Living God, Verse 1*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

#### 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.**

#### Choral Amen

## Welcome and Next Steps

**Minute for Mission**     *Mike Fusion, Boy Scout Troop 28, and Steve Byrne, Cub Scout Pack 28*

## Invitation to Offering

**Offering and Choral Anthem**                      *Still, Small Voice*                      Ian Assersohn

**\*Response: 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

**\*Closing Hymn 376**                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Choral Response**                      *Sevenfold Amen*

**Postlude**                      *Fugue in G Minor*                      J.S. Bach  
*Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

*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**

Joan Bridges, Jeff Carper  
Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo  
Barbara Oram, Dottie Post  
Donna Williams

**Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns**

**Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.**

**The Kniola Family**, friends of the Child Family,  
on the death of their 16 year old son

**The family of Virginia Reinstadtler**

**Beth Robosky and family** , on the death of Beth's mother

**Raegan Walker**, 11 year-old girl, fighting Lymphoma