

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

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



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Preparation for Worship:

"Pride makes us artificial; humility makes us real.

~Thomas Merton

Prelude

Glorificamus

John Redmond

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

Call to Worship:

Leader: God has told you, O mortal, what is right,
And what does the Lord require of you?

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Prayer of Adoration

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

Call to Prayer

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing anyone who seeks to walk with God.

Prayer of Confession:

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not always keep your Word, and when we speak unwisely, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

[Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Amen.

***Response: 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

Children 2nd grade and under are invited to come to the front steps for the children's sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice-seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 419

*Lord, Who May Dwell within Your House
Please remain seated.*

Psalm 15

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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Gospel Response

Threefold Amen

Sermon

“Walk Humbly”

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

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

Offering and Offertory Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

George Dyson, Alan Bullard

Old Hundredth

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

O for a Closer Walk with God

Sevenfold Amen

Louis Vierne

Feel free to exit during the postlude, but please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

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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.

Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns

Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.

Family of Lisa Brumbelow

Joan Decasto

Matteo Guajardo

Betty Hicks

Jim Lebeda

The Peter Smith Family

Paul Taliant

Those Grieving over the loss of a loved one

Resa Walsh

Marty Whayley