

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

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



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Prelude

Berceuse

Louis Vieme

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

People: The earth declares God's beauty.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God's word shines forth in glory.

Prayer of Adoration

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos, you are the first light breaking through the void, and the final light we shall eternally enjoy. Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you, that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.

***Hymn PH361**

How Firm a Foundation

Call to Prayer

My brothers and sisters, remember that God loves us; therefore by the mercy of God, let us cease to do evil and learn to do good.

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

God is merciful and kind; though our sins are like scarlet, they become like snow. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

***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.

Prayer of Illumination

God of Hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading:

Genesis 15: 1-6

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 239

*How Happy Is Each Child of God
Please remain seated.*

Psalm 128

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

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Sermon

FAITH?

Rev. Dr. Fred Leasure

Offering

Offertory Anthem GTG418

Softly and Tenderly

***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

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.

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

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 PH276** Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Allego, 1st Trio Sonata in Eb

** 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 McAnulty, Jeff Carper,
Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo
Nate Ivey, Dottie Post

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

The family of Joan Bridges, who passed away on July 5.

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

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.

Brian Shanahan and Neal Harrison for health concerns, requested by the Rising Family

Laura and Don Smith and premature baby boy who is 5 months old and 1 1/2 pound, requested by Carol Martin.

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