

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:

"Beware the stories you read or tell: subtly, at night, beneath the waters of consciousness, they are altering your world."

~Ben Okri, Nigerian Novelist

Prelude

We Praise You, O God

Dale Wood

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

**People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has called us the beloved and called each of us by name.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has blessed creation and called us to worship.

People: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.

Prayer of Adoration

God of all times and places, be with us in this time and place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken through signs and wonders, give us eyes to see what you are doing in our world in these times. Then empower us to act; 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 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Call to Prayer

With humble hearts, trusting in God's grace, together let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to look to Jesus as the ruler and model for our living. We have been quick to expect others to follow in Christ's ways, but slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when asked to offer inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us yet again the commitment to be more like Christ in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Words of Assurance

All things in heaven and earth have been reconciled to God in Christ Jesus. 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.

Time with the Children

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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, through all generations you have spoken to your people. You have sent voices crying in the wilderness. You have sent prophets proclaiming your word. You have sent apostles, and dreamers, and faithful people in every age. Quiet in us any voice but your own, so that the Scriptures we hear may be your Word to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-43

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 329

*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength
Please remain seated.*

Psalm 46

Second Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

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Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Sermon

"Dominions and Kingdoms"

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

Offerings and Gifts of Self

Anthem

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!
Hand Bell Choir*

Mitchell Eithun

***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**

***Closing Hymn 643**

Now Thank We All Our God

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Extroit

Sevenfold Amen

***Postlude**

Prelude in C Major

JS Bach

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

Jeff Carper, Gloria Child

Georgia Gallo, Nina Helbling

Nate Ivey, Linda James

Joan McAnulty, Dottie Post

Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns

Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.

Family of Lisa Brumbelow
William Casey

Family of Danielle Duncan
Melissa Dunn

Matteo Guajardo
Betty Hicks

Pam McMillion
The Peter Smith Family

Paul Tallant
The World

Marty Whayley