

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

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



**13 March 2022 -- Order of Worship
Second Sunday in Lent**

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Preparation for Worship:

"The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do."

~Galileo Galilei

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly

Dan Forrest

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of what shall I be afraid?

Leader: Beloved of God, let us join our hearts in worship this day.

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

Prayer of Adoration

God of all creation, as a hen gathers her chicks together, so you gather us within the shelter of your wings. We look to you to know what righteousness is. We listen to you that we might know which path to take. Open our eyes and ears so that we might follow you well. May we see your promises more brightly than the stars and hear your good news more clearly than the noise that inhabits our lives. We are here, watching and listening, 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 417**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Call to Prayer

The Lord is a refuge and fortress for us, protecting us from evil. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

We confess to you, O God, that we have been tempted by evil and have succumbed to sin. You nourish us with your eternal word, but we hunger for bread that perishes. You call us to worship you alone, but we seek to serve worldly powers. You offer us salvation, but we gamble with the gifts of life. Forgive us, God of grace. Guide us by your word and guard us with your Spirit, so that we may live in faith and follow you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Savior. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

Hear the promise of the Lord: When you call on me, I will answer; I will satisfy you with life and show you my saving love. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: In him we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Lenten Response:** *Jesus, Remember me when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*
Sing two times

***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

God of all wisdom, your word is near to us, on our lips and in our hearts. Speak to us and speak through us by the power of your Spirit, so that we may believe in our hearts and confess with our lips that Jesus Christ is Lord.

People: Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

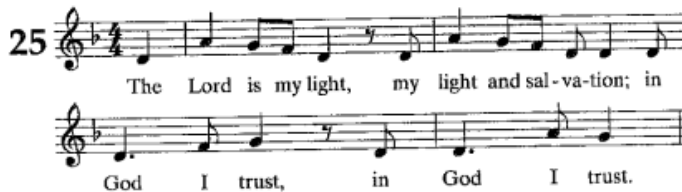
The Psalter: Psalm 27

Intoned by Art Thomas and the Chancel Choir

PSALM 27

(1-6)

Jacques Berthier (Taizé)



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Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

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Gospel Response

Praise to You, Lord Christ

Sermon

“The Fox and the Hen”

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

Invitation to Offering

Offering and Choral Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Dufford, Wagner

***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 276** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** *Sevenfold Amen*

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz
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
Mike Reimer, Donna Williams

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

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

The McFeeley Family, Brian McFeeley, principal of Mt. Lebanon High School, passed away on March 4, after a 2 1/2 yr battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be missed through the whole community, but mostly his wife and two sons.

The family of Virginia Reinstadtler