

**Bower Hill Community Church, Presbyterian USA**  
**Order for Worship**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ~ 13 November 2022

Preparation for Worship:

*"We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are."*  
~Madeleine L'Engle

**Prelude**

*Let All Things Now living*

Gerhard Krapf

**Choral Introit**

*This Is the Day*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: O Sing to the Lord a new song,**

Leader: for God has done marvelous things.

**People: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.**

Leader: Let the hills sing for joy together.

**People: God will judge the world with justice and the peoples with equity.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

O God, our Redeemer, all creation sings your praise! You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace. Following in the way of Christ, we seek to be faithful, ever sustained by your Spirit; 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 174**

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

1) *Come and seek the ways of Wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.*

*Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.*

*Wisdom clear the path to justice, showing us what love must do.*

2) *Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.*

*Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.*

*When the Word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.*

3) *Sister Wisdom, come assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.*

*Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.*

*Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.*

**Call to Prayer**

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so long ago, he assures us still today that God is our salvation. It is because of this confidence and this promise that we approach God with our confession:

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of peace, we confess that we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess that we have ignored your commands to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts and settle our spirits. And renew in our the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.**

**Silent Prayers**

**Words of Assurance**

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation. In Jesus Christ, 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 third grade are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.*

## Prayer for Illumination

God of the earthquake, God of silence: quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

## First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalter: Hymn 276

*Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

REFRAIN: *Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah.*

1) *Shout with gladness, dance for joy! O come before the Lord.*

*And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. REFRAIN*

2) *Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.*

*God has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. REFRAIN*

3) *Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.*

*The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised. I know my redeemer lives. REFRAIN*

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 21:5-19

## Gospel Response

*Threefold Amen*

## Sermon

**"You Will Gain Your Souls"**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder**

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Christian Michael Stakich & Jamison Sammy Stazer

## 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

## Minute for Mission

*Hekima Place*

Kate Fletcher

## Offering

## Anthem

*Behold How Good*

Michael John Trotta

## \*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 269

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

1) *Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest, your tents shall be our home.*

*Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

2) *Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;*

*For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.*

3) *Lead on, O King eternal: we follow not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;*

*Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Extroit**

*Sevenfold Amen*

**\*Postlude**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Paul Manz

*Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.*