

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



*Let  
Our  
Light  
Shine*

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

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Preparation for Worship:  
“*The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.*”  
~Pablo Picasso

**Prelude**

*Reverie*

Louis Vierne

**Choral Introit**

*May I Be Empty*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**People: We are God's people, entrusted with the care of creation and all the gifts we have received.**

Leader: From the abundance of the Lord, we have been blessed with time, talent, and treasure.

**People: We gather today to give thanks for these gifts and to ask for the wisdom to use them faithfully.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God, whose generosity knows no bounds.

**People: Let us offer our lives in gratitude and service, stewarding all that we have for the glory of God and the good of our neighbors. Amen.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God. You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us what we need. Even when we lose sight of your way, you draw us back to yourself and overwhelm us with your power, compassion, and justice. All praise to you, our triune God; 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 41**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

**Call to Prayer**

God waits in mercy to forgive all that we hesitate to name. Let us recognize our faults and commit them to God's grace. Together, let us say:

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we treat your generosity as our due and fail to share it with others. Forgive us when, in our busyness and distraction, we neglect to center our restless spirits in your peace. Train our hearts on the things that really matter. Clear our vision, so that we may see the abundance we have in you, and open our hands to share it. Let us lead the faithful, generous lives that you intend. Amen.**

[Silent prayers]

**Words of Assurance**

“The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*The Gloria: Hymn 583**

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*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.

*Children pre-K through 4th grade are invited to meet in the narthex for Sunday school.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Show us something new in this reading from your Word, O God. Speak to us the things we need to hear, and let us go from this place changed by the Word that you have spoken. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Pew Bible Page 210

Lector: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**Second Scripture Reading**

Haggai 2:1-9

Pew Bible Page 878

**Anthem**

*Lead Me, Lord*

**Sermon**

**“IRL: In Real Life”**

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

**Response 601**

*Amen*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

“Credo for Christians”

**I worship and adore God, source, essence, and aim of all things,  
Spirit that enlivens all beings.**

**I follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself  
and shared a way for others to find God in themselves.**

**He was born through love,**

**He lived for love,**

**He suffered for love,**

**He died for love,**

**But love never dies.**

**I submit myself to the leading of the love that is God,  
that I may be compassionate toward all beings,  
that I may live and serve in community with others,  
that I may ask for and offer forgiveness,  
that I may praise and enjoy God forever. Amen.**

**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.

\*or Mother or Parent

## Welcome and Next Steps

## Minute for Stewardship

## Offering and Gifts of Self

*Abide with Me*

Leah Smith, violin and Ella Belardi, cello

## 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! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

\*For a gender-neutral Doxology, use Hymn 607.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Closing Hymn 716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Choral Response 687

*Alleluia*

## Postlude

*Agincourt Carol*

Leah Smith, violin and Ella Belardi, cello

*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:**

Matt Arner, Sophie Burke, Nancy Green, Hekima Place, Sam Levine, Alex Lorber  
Robert Olinger, Barb Oram, Mike Riemer, Antoinette Shanahan, Resa Walsh, Family of Lynne Wohleber