

**Bower Hill Community Church, Presbyterian USA**

**Order for Worship**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 23 October 2022

Preparation for Worship:

*"Our humanity comes to its fullest bloom in giving. We become beautiful people when we give whatever we can give: a smile, a handshake, a kiss, an embrace, a word of love, a present, a part of our life...all of our life."*

~Henri Nouwen

**Prelude**

*Prelude on Rhosymedre*

R.V. Williams

**Choral Introit**

*This Is the Day*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation.

**People: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains.

**People: You are girded with might.**

Leader: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

**People: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateway of the morning and of the evening shout for joy.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Righteous and gracious Lord, you reveal to us the way of goodness and life. Teach us humility that we may trust in your power and not our own, and make us ever grateful; 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*

- 1) *Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*
- 2) *All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*
- 3) *For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.*
- 4) *Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

**Call to Prayer**

Even before we admit our fault, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways and turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the wellbeing of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord. Renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.**

**Silent Prayers**

**Words of Assurance**

In the name of the One who crowns us with righteousness, and whose mercy exalts the humble, our sins are forgiven. May we be strengthened to live in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*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**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit, make yourself known to us through the reading and the preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses in this life and joyful companions in the next, even with Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalter: Hymn 38**

*To Bless the Earth*

**Psalm 65**

- 1) *To bless the earth God sends us from heaven's abundant store the waters of the springtime, enriching it once more.*
- 2) *The seed by God provided is sown o'er hill and plain, and then come gentle showers to bless the springing grain.*
- 3) *God crowns the year with goodness; the earth God's mercy fills; the wilderness is fruitful, and joyful are the hills.*
- 4) *With grain the fields are covered; the flocks in pastures graze; all nature joins in singing a joyful song of praise.*

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

**Gospel Response**

*Threefold Amen*

**Sermon**

**"Being Poured Out"**

**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**

**Minute for Stewardship**

A Season of Stewardship

Bethany Gibbs

**Offering**

**Anthem**

*Modal Fanfare*  
The Bower Hill Hand Bell Choir

Kevin McChesney

**\*Response 592: The Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
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.*

Old Hundredth

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn 744**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

- 1) *Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*
- 2) *Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.*
- 3) *Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.*
- 4) *Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Extroit**

*Sevenfold Amen*

**\*Postlude**

*Allegro, Trio Sonata I, Movement 3*

J.S. Bach

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