

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



*Let
Our
Light
Shine*

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

**10 May 2026 ~ Order of Worship
6th Sunday of Easter ~ Children & Youth Sunday**

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CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and all that lives in it.”
~Psalm 24:1

Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paul Manz

Call to Worship:

Emily Gilmore

Leader: The sky shows how amazing God is.

People: The world around us reveals what God has made.

Leader: The plants and trees remind us God is here.

People: Let’s join all creation in praising God.

Prayer of Adoration

Charlotte Young

God who made everything, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you created and sustain. We praise you along with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Bring us together by your Spirit so we can see your love all around us and live with thankful hearts. We look forward to the day your creation is made complete in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Prayer

Will Young

Friends, God made us in God’s image and called us good. But sometimes we choose our own way and hurt ourselves, others, and the world around us. Trusting in God’s love and mercy, let’s be honest about the ways we’ve fallen short—before God and each other. Together, let’s say:

Prayer of Confession

Will Young

God of life, you created us in your image to care for one another and all creation. Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

Emmett McElroy

In the water of baptism, God gives us mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Go and share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, so all creation can show God’s glory. 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**

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

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 will remain in the worship service today for Youth Sunday.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Minute for Mission

Summer Day Camps

Amy Grella

Mediation

Michela Robbins

Prayer for Illumination

Autumn Grella

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit, awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the Scriptures that we read today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 148

Autumn Grella

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Sing to the tune of "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," Maryton, 738

Anthem

Here I Am, Lord
Bell Choir

Daniel Schutte, Jeffrey Honore

Meditations

Noelle Grella, Maddox Dickey, Sunny Caramana

Anthem

Peace in Christ

Bailey Cunningham

Second Scripture Reading and Meditation

Matthew 6:25-34

Addie Ivey

Meditations

Cal McElory, Graham Getkin, Charlotte Young

Sermon

"Fulfilling God's Command"

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

Response

Amen

***Affirmation of Faith**

"Credo for Christians"

Addie Ivey

**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:

Sunny Caramana

**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"*

Offerings and Gifts of Self

Noelle Grella

Offertory

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**

Kimberly Mabhoko

***Closing Hymn 713**

Touch the Earth Lightly

Benediction

Calvin Getkin

Extroit

Postlude

Recessional on Lasst uns Erfreuen

Douglas Wagner

Ushers & Greeters - Teddy Grier, Addie Gilmore, Emmett Timm

It takes a village! Thank you to our village of adult volunteers who share their time and talents to mentor our children and youth.

Sunday school teachers: Rachel McElroy, Colleen Marsteller, Alison Sehgal, Brian Snyder, Alaina Kunkle, Ruth Robbins, Betsy Hohlfelder, Greta Snyder, and Valerie Watterson

Confirmation mentors: Colleen Marsteller, Ruth Robbins, Chris Robbins, Betsy Hohlfelder, Alan Hohlfelder, Linda James, Karl Casey, Tom Green, and Jean Miewald.

***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:

William Casey, Katyana Diaz, Vicki Fischer, Ruth Fleming, Nancy Green, Amy Jones, Jack Kelly, Alex Lorber
Joan McAnulty, Dave McVay, Barb Oram, Resa Walsh, Owen Wagner