

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

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



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Preparation for Worship:
“*What you seek is seeking you.*”
~Rumi

Prelude

Allegretto

Cesar Franck

Choral Introit

This Is the Day

Call to Worship:

Leader: The people who walked in darkness

People: have seen a great light;

Leader: those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

People: on them light has shined. Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Adoration

God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Prayer

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession:

Mighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: In him we are forgiven. Amen.

***Response: 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

Children 2nd grade and under are invited to come to the front steps for the children's sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1:10-18

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 90

Wait for the Lord

Psalm 27

Please remain seated.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

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Gospel Response

Threefold Amen

Sermon

"Casting a Net"

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

Offering and Offertory Anthem

Praise Be to God!

Alan Bullard

Old Hundredth

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

Sevenfold Amen

Buxtehude

Feel free to exit during the postlude, but please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

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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.

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