

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

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



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All Saints' Sunday**

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Preparation for Worship:

"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you."
~ Isaac of Nineveh

Prelude

Ubi Caritas

Charles Callahan

Introit

May I Be Empty

Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Litany for All Saints:

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation, he was born of Mary; who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world; who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us victory over death; who ascended on high and intercedes for us.

Great is your love.

For the gift of your Holy Spirit. For the one holy church. For the cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

For all holy women and men, our mothers and fathers in faith. For the noble band of the prophets. For the glorious company of the apostles. For the white-robed army of martyrs. For the cherubim and seraphim, and all holy angels.

Thanks be to God.

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

Prayer of Adoration:

Mighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn 326**

For All the Saints

Call to Prayer

Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin. Together let us say:

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that

joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

*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 thru fourth grade are invited to meet in the narthex for Sunday school.

Prayer of Illumination

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

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Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 306

Bless Be the Tie That Binds

Second Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

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Choral Anthem

From Age to Age the Same

Sermon

“There Is Still a Vision”

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.

Offerings and Gifts of Self

Offertory

*The Doxology: Hymn 606, 607

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 version, see hymn 607.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion is received at the front of the church. Please approach the servers by way of the center aisle, receive the elements, and return to your seat by way of the side aisles. You may also receive communion in your pew. Remain seated, and it will be brought to you. Everyone is invited to receive communion without exception, and anyone is free to abstain.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus: Hymn 565

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Remain seated

*Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of power, God of might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

Communion Music

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

IRL: In Real Life Stewardship Drive

Minute for Events

*Closing Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Extroit

Postlude

Toccata & Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach

Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to stay 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, Nancy Green, Hekima Place, Sam Levine, Alex Lorber
Robert Olinger, Barb Oram, Antoinette Shanahan, Resa Walsh, Family of Lynne Wohleber