

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

# BOVER HILL

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



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Preparation for Worship:

*"The end of a melody is not its goal: but nonetheless, had the melody not reached its end it would not have reached its goal either. A parable."*

~Nietzsche

**Prelude**

*Arabesque*

Louis Vierne

**Choral Introit**

*This Is the Day*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, Praise God in the heights!

**People: Praise God, all you angels! Praise God, all you heavenly host!**

Leader: Let even the sun and the moon praise the Lord.

**People: Let us lift up our voices with every shining star  
to praise the name of Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Eternal God, you are the beginning, and you are the end. You are the source, and you are the destination. You are the spring of the waters of our lives. You are the sea toward which we flow. We pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to fall upon our lives again today. Refresh our faith and renew our course; 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 489**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**Call to Prayer**

Jesus comes to us even in our doubts and fears, saying: Peace be with you. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess that we have not been faithful witnesses to the resurrection. Jesus stands among us in word, sacrament, and neighbor, but we fail to recognize him. Jesus reigns over us as the risen Lord of all, but we fail to honor him. Jesus moves within us through the work of your Spirit, but we fail to respond. Forgive us, God of grace. Keep us in your presence, guide us by your Word, and fill us with your Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed!**

[Silent prayers]

**Words of Assurance**

Jesus gathers us in to receive the Holy Spirit and sends us out to share in his reconciling work. Receive this gift of new life: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Come, Holy Spirit, speak to us in our own language about God's mighty works. Give us power to proclaim the coming of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**                      Revelation 21:1-6                      Pew Bible Page 260

**The Psalter: Psalm 148**

**Gospel Reading**                      John 13:31-35                      Pew Bible Page 108

**Gospel Response**                      *Glory be to Thee, Lord Christ*

**Sermon**                      **"The First Things"**                      Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

**Congregational Response**      *Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna! Verse 3  
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the first and last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

**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.**

**Choral Amen**

**Welcome and Next Steps**

**Minute for Mission**                      Crafty Sunday                      Eco-Justice Team

Invitation to Offering

Offering and Anthem

Abington  
Bower Hill Hand Bell Choir

Cynthia Dobrinski

**\*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! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn 306**      *Fairest Lord Jesus*

\*Charge and Benediction

**\*Choral Response**      *Sevenfold Amen*

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

***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:**

**Bower Hill Church Members**

Joan Bridges, Jeff Carper, Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo,  
Linda James, Cindy Kelley, Gordon Mitchell  
Dottie Post, Mike Reimer, Donna Williams

**Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns  
Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.**

**Philip Engel**, BHCC financial secretary

**Don Farr, brother of Lynne Wohleber**, who  
passed away on May 4.

**Jack Horgan**, friend of Matt Arner

**Rich Norwood and his family**, friends  
of Lynne Wohleber