

Service for the Lord's Day

September 15, 2019

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Festival Prelude on Ein' feste Burg* W. Faulkes

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* African American Spiritual

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Galatians 3:28*)

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ!

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free!

Leader: There is no longer male and female!

People: For all of us are one in Christ Jesus!

***HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;

heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: In Jesus Christ, God calls us by name, claims us in love,
and brings us hope!**

*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE Hymn 376

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

*PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PROCLAMATION

THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 "Our Creator"**

BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANTHEM *Deep River* Spiritual arr. D. Moore

SCRIPTURE READING *Revelation 21: 1-4*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Good To Be Home* Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn

***HYMN 400** *When We Are Living*

THE SENDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Praise Ye The Lord* C. Franck

*** DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

- or -

**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 THANKSGIVING

***HYMN 364** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Fugue on Ein' feste Burg* W. Faulkes

**Please stand if you are comfortable doing so.*



The Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn, Pastor
The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life
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