

Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian USA)  
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ 24 October 2021 ~ Order for Worship

Preparation for Worship:  
"Inside every person there is a poet who died young."  
~Stefan Kanfer

Prelude

*Pastorale I*

Clive Jenkins

Choral Introit

*This Is the Day*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: God has done great things for us;

**People: Therefore we rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the Lord's name is great among the nations.**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior, Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn 423**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

- 1) *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*
- 2) *To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*
- 3) *People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*
- 4) *Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*
- 5) *Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.*

**Call to Prayer**

"Let us with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need."  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on equal freedoms and privileges for all. Forgive us, O Lord, for these and all our offenses. Turn us to your will, that all may know justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Child. Amen.** [Silent prayers]

**Words of Assurance**

"Do not fear, says the Lord, I have called you by name. I have redeemed you. You are mine." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*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**

*Please practice **contact-free** passing of 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**

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word, and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

**The Psalter: Psalm 126**

*See insert, sung by congregation and choir  
Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalms.*

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon**

**“Son of Who?”**

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:**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering and Choral Anthem**

*O Taste and See*

R. Vaughan Williams

**\*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**

**\*Hymn**

*The Earth and All That Dwell Therein*

- 1) *The earth and all that dwell therein, with all its wealth untold,  
Belongs to God who founded it upon the seas of old.*
- 2) *O who shall stand before the Lord on Zion’s holy hill?  
The clean of hand, the pure of heart, the just who do God’s will.*
- 3) *O everlasting doors, give way, lift up your heads, O gates!  
For now behold, to enter in, the king of glory waits.*
- 4) *Who is this glorious king that comes to sit upon your throne?  
The Lord of Hosts, that one is king of glory, God alone.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Response**

*Sevenfold Amen*

**Postlude**

*Fugue in G Minor*

J.S. Bach

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