

# Old Presbyterian Meeting House

## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 24, 2019  
Seventh Sunday After Epiphany  
8:30 and 11 a.m.

### WELCOME

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

### PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### PRELUDE

*Marche Triomphale*  
(Now thank we all our God)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
1877–1933

#### INTROIT

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be;  
he is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend.

—Samuel Crossman (1624–83)

Jayne Southwick Cool  
Born 1947

#### SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

*Please turn off all cellphones. We ask that no photos be taken during the service.*

▲ Stand as you are able.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to the stories of God,  
**passed down by the faithful from age to age.**  
Listen to the Son of God,  
**teaching us how live, love, and serve.**  
Listen to the voice of God,  
**proclaiming the broken world “beloved.”**  
Listen and worship, people of God,  
**for God is here among us!**

#### ▲ HYMN OF PRAISE 15

All Creatures of Our God and King  
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live in the light of your good news; when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation. Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life, and move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence ...

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 447

*We Are Forgiven*

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ▲ACT OF PRAISE 581

*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.**

### ▲PASSING THE PEACE

Stand, as you are able, and greet your neighbors, saying, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**"  
Respond by saying, "**And also with you.**"

## GOD'S WORD TO US

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *11 a.m.*

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Cavin Mae Hellmuth, daughter of of Cameron and Ali Hellmuth

### ANTHEM

Edward C. Bairstow

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,  
and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.  
And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge;  
and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,  
and have not charity, I am nothing.  
And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,  
and though I give my body to be burned,  
and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.  
Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not;  
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.  
Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.  
Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail;  
whether there be tongues, they shall cease;  
or whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.  
For now we see through a glass, darkly;  
but then face to face: now I know in part;  
but then shall I know even as I also am known.  
And now abideth faith, hope, and charity,  
but the greatest of these is charity.

1874–1946

—1 Corinthians 13:1–4, 7–8, 12–13 (KJV)

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 45:3–15

Pew Bible, p. 45

Luke 6:27–38

Pew Bible, p. 60

Lynn Eiseman, Lay Reader

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN** 11 a.m.

*Following the children's time, children kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to attend Bridges to Worship.*

Leader And as our children depart for Bridges to Worship, we say ...

**Congregation** **May God be with you there.**

Leader And the children say ...

**Congregation** **May God be with you there.**

## **▲ HYMN OF PREPARATION 706**

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

*Guiltsborough*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SERMON**

Tough Love

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

### **▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*From A Declaration of Faith, 1977*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.**

**Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.**

### **RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND INVITATIONS TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

Harold W. Friedell

1905–58

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

## ▲ DOXOLOGY 607

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## ▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** 8:30 a.m.

All Communion bread is gluten-free. The ushers will invite you to come to the table. Receive the elements by intinction (take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup). Return to your pew by a side aisle. If you wish to receive communion in your pew, please let an usher know.

Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus 552 (sing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.**

## ▲ HYMN OF DEDICATION 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe Den Herren*

## ▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## ▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

## ▲ POSTLUDE

*Now thank we all our God*

arr. J.S. Bach

1685–1750

Please remain in your pews until the postlude begins.

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