



# First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, PA

Service of the Lord's Day

September 13, 2020

## God's People Gather

### Greetings and Announcements

### Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, your love is higher than the heavens and your grace is wider than the sea. Awaken our hearts to the joy of your presence and open our lips to sing your praise; to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prelude Intermezzo** -- Grieg

Ross Beauchamp, cello

### \*Call to Worship

L: O Lord, open our lips,

**P: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

L: O depth of wealth, wisdom and knowledge of God!

**P: How unsearchable are God's judgments, how untraceable are God's ways!**

L: The source, guide and goal of all that is,

**P: To God be glory forever!** (Romans 11:33, 36)

### \*Hymn **Praise God for This Holy Ground** *(please join in humming or meditating on the words)*

Praise God for this holy ground,  
place and people, sight and sound.

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God who through Christ makes known  
all are loved and called God's own. *Refrain*

Praise God's Spirit who befriends,  
Raises, humbles, breaks, and mends. *Refrain*

### Prayer of Confession

**To you, holy and gracious God, we confess our sin with as much shame and sorrow as we can muster. We know we are on easy terms with our sin, slipping and sliding and sidestepping the truth about ourselves. You made us to be like you in goodness, wisdom and love. And yet, we are so often soiled, smudged, distracted from your purposes, running after the gods of this world. *(silent confession)* O God, You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. Please forgive and restore us through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, believe the good news:

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

L: Jesus says, "Follow me; I will lead you into life."

## **\*Response**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **God's Word is Heard**

## **Time With Children**

**Anthem You Raise Me Up** --arr. Raney

Chancel Handbells, Ross Beauchamp, cello

## **Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 23:1-3**

**John 10:11-15**

**I Peter 5:6-7**

**Sermon Everything I Need: The Shepherd Tends**

## **God's People Respond**

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

(Psalm 23)

**Installation of Director of Children, Family, Youth Ministries**

**Offering our Gifts and Lives**

**Prayers of the People**

...The Lord be with you.

**And also with you...**

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

**God's Sends Us Out**

**\*Hymn      The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude   Voluntary -- Stanley**