Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Celebrating 50 years of the musical gifts of Bette Kahler

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church
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16th Sunday after Pentecost
Live Streaming Worship 10AM

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.” — Plato.

Prelude

The Mission/How Great Thou Art
Lauren Dunseath, Cello

Morricone

Welcome

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*Call to Worship (Psalm 150)
Please stand for the call to worship.
Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
   praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
   praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound;
   praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
   praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
   praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

Maggie Reid

Let us pray: Holy Lord, the God that hears our prayers, you have said that you will be present whenever two or three gather in your name. We welcome your presence and grace in our lives. We ask that you manifest your glory today and shine your light on us. Through your light, may we illuminate the lives of those around us. As we feel your presence in worship today, may our knowledge of your divine mysteries continue to grow and change our lives forever.

*Hymn GTG #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

** A special thank you to Linda Kaiser for her music before worship!
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
   O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
   All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, sheltering thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
   Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?
   People again; gladly for aye we adore him.

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
   All that hath life and breath, come now with thanksgiving into his temple;
   Sirens e'er have been heard in what he ordaineth?

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the bold print.
Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Let us come before the Lord with our prayers of confession and reconciliation. Let us pray:
For the ways in which we hide our talents...
Unsure of ourselves, we fill our lives with noise hiding from the rhythm of the Spirit’s song.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.

For the ways in which we stifle the music around us...
Refusing to listen, neglecting to nurture, failing to respect, the gifts of music around us are too quickly squandered.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy upon us.

For the ways in which we have denied the Holy in the beauty of music...
Defining what passes for Holy, ears tuned too narrowly, the mystery of the Spirit’s song is beyond our hearing.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy upon us.

Still the Spirit beckons. The birds share a mating song, the children offer the melody of laughter. The rhythm of God’s call in our lives knows no beginning and no end.

Thanks be to God! Amen.


A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.]

Assurance of Pardon

*Response in Praise: #761

Called to be Partners in Christ’s Service (vs.1)  
Called as partners in Christ’s service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God’s chosen end

*Passing of the Peace

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(Please feel free to move around and share God’s peace)

Children’s Time

(We sing ‘Jesus Loves Me’ as the children leave)
Prayer for Illumination
Maggie Reid
Let us pray: God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scriptures
Exodus 15: 20-21  New Revised Standard Version  Maggie Reid
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. ”

Revelation 5:11-14  New Revised Standard Version  Rev. Elizabeth Lyman
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Anthem  Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace  Bonnemer

Sermon  Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*Hymn  GTG #749  Come, Live in the Light  We are Called
(see next page)
749  Come! Live in the Light!
We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light!  Shine with the
2 Come! Open your heart!  Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song!  Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer-cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,
to be light for the king-dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope-less so ha-tred and
and we’ll walk with each oth-er as sis-ters and
free-dom of the cit-y of God.
vio-lence will be no more.
broth-ers un-nit-ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice; we are called to
love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-
oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

Offertory Invitation

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

*Doxology #716  God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (vs 3)  Beech Spring
Treasure too you have entrusted
Gained thru powers your grace conferred
Ours to use for home and kindred
And to spread the gospel Word
Open wide our hands in sharing
As we heed Christ's ageless call
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming
Serving you by loving all

*Prayer of Dedication

Allemande from Suite #6 in D Major
Bach

Lauren Dunseath, Cello

Announcements and Prayer Requests
(Please write your requests and announcements on the paper provided in the Atrium. They are brought forward during the offering.)

Litany of Appreciation for the Gift of Music
Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for your Word dancing around us. From the first bird in the morning until the last cricket at night, the sounds of your presence surround us. May our ears be opened to hear your song.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for the gift of music as it moves and shapes us. We thank you for the ways in which the poetry expresses our faith, the melody our longing, the harmony our hope. May our lives and our ministries nurture the gift of music.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for the musicians that lead us in worship. We thank you for those who lead us, we thank you for those who tap and strum and play, we thank you for those who blend their voices. May our lives display appreciation for the gift of music and respect for the dedication of those who share the gift with us.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for the opportunity to express our love for you and for one another through the powerful mystery of rhythm. May our expressions of word and melody honor you, now and always.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We are thankful for all those who raise their voices in song for the glory of the Lord. We are thankful for all those who play musical instruments and lead us in worshipping God. We are especially thankful today for Bette Kahler, as she celebrates 50 years of music here at Pebble Hill. May all those who praise God with music be blessed.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Echûohara Bushi
Traditional Japanese air
Eileen Allen, recorder

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the bold print.
1 O God of every nation, of every race and land,
2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole crea - tion with your al - might - y hand.
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase;
when hatred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bitter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - ri - ous when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can alter, your serv - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o’er all the world’s do - main.

* Benediction

REV. ELIZABETH LYMAN – TRANSITIONAL PASTOR
BETTE KAHLER – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MAGGIE REID – LITURGIST
TERRY AND LYnda WHEAT - USHERS

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