

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
and Thanksgiving for the Life of

Peter Bicknell Kellner

September 5, 1969 – July 10, 2026



Saturday, October 3, 2026
10 am

Sanctuary

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
921 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10021
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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, Father of the whole family in heaven and on earth: Stand by all who sorrow, that, leaning on your strength, they may be upheld, and believe the good news of life beyond life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness
Adagio (from *Symphonie No. 5*)
Sheep May Safely Graze
Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

Johann Sebastian Bach
Charles-Marie Widor
Bach
Bach

WELCOME

The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

George Kellner
Catherine Kellner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bartlett

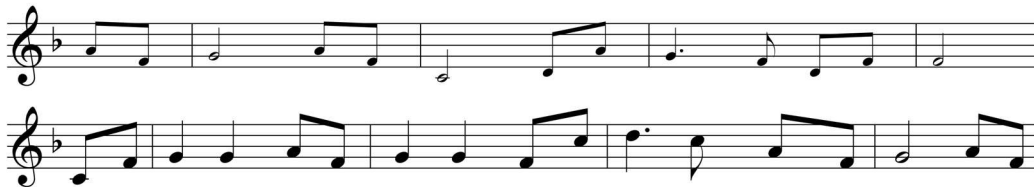
Pastor: ...*In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*
People: **Let us worship God!**

*HYMN

Praise the Spirit in Creation

Julien

Introduction/Interludes



1. Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i - gin: Spi - rit,
2. Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and ways; who, in
3. Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in might; let your



mov - ing on the wat - ers, quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of
show - ing us God's won - ders, is him - self the power to gaze; and God's
flame break out with - in us, fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white-

breath to all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
will, to those who lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.
- hot in your pos - ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.

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Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)
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**All who are able, please stand.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
 righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
 enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
 my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

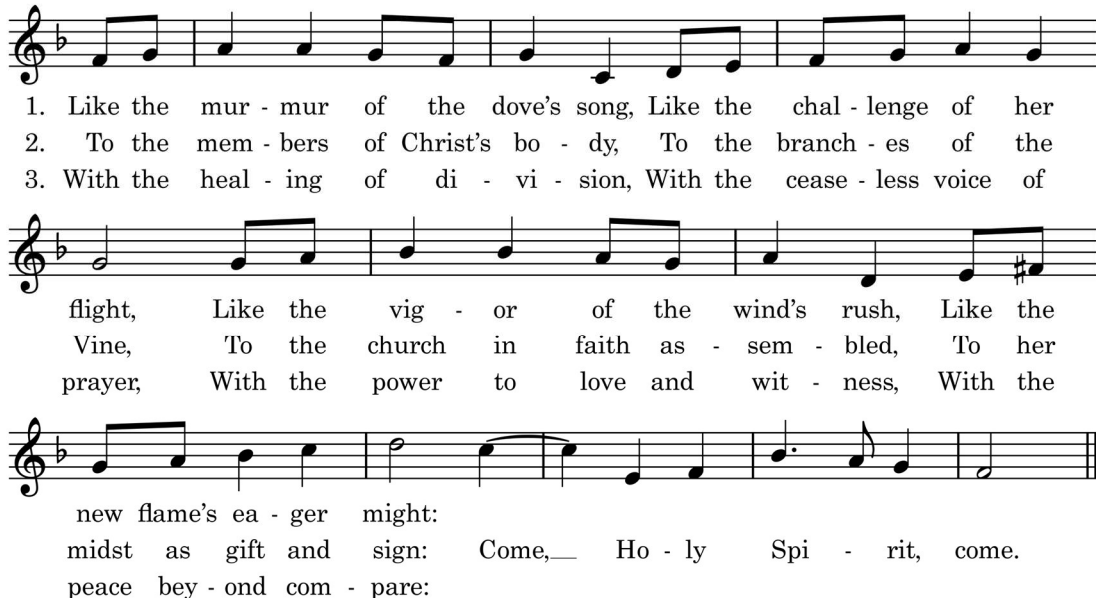
EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

Meredith Kellner

*HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom


1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bo - dy, To the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of
 flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
 Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the
 new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 peace bey - ond com - pare:

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HOMILY

Rev. Frank C. Strasburger

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum
(from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*)

W. A. Mozart

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi: Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

— Psalm 117

Sarah Griffiths, soprano

PRAYER

Fr. John Paul Kern

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Rev. Bartlett

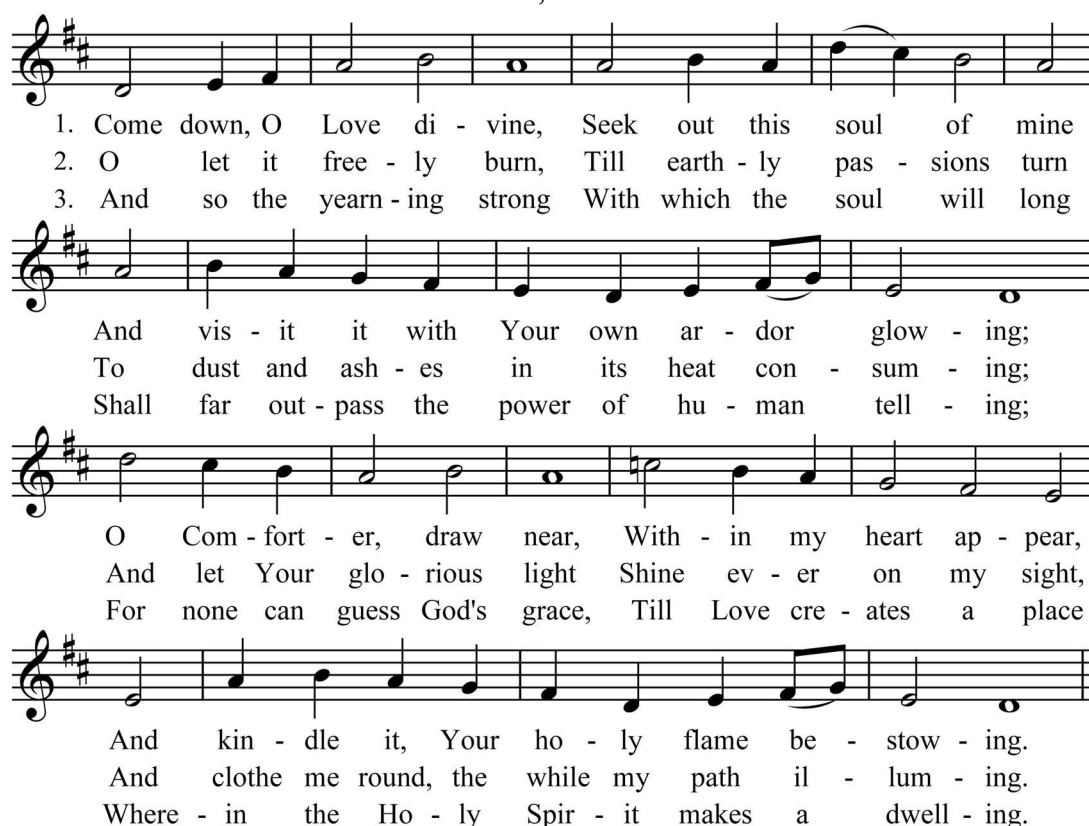
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney



1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul of mine
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3. And so the yearn - ing strong With which the soul will long
And vis - it it with Your own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love cre - ates a place
And kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); trans. R. F. Littledale (1867); alt.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Bartlett

*POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat major, 'St. Anne'

Bach

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A celebration of Peter's life will follow the service at 583 Park Avenue.

Participants in this Service

The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Transitional Pastor*

Fr. John Paul Kern, O.P., *Executive Director,*

The Dominican Foundation

The Rev. Frank C. Strasburger, *Former Episcopal Chaplain,*

Princeton University

Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music & Organist*

Members of the Choir of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church