

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Digital Contemporary Service

September 13, 2020



CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

(Instrumental only, no lyrics)

Brian Doerksen

Majestic

Lincoln Brewster

Verse

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

Chorus 1

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Bridge

I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You

We will worship You
We will worship You

Chorus 2

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You

The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we know that Christ commanded us to love one another just as he loves us; to love our neighbor as ourselves; and to love even our enemies. But while loving our neighbors isn't always easy, loving our enemies is very hard. Condemning and rejecting our enemies often feels right, and sometimes even feels good. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to imitate Christ's refusal to choose between showing his love or maintaining his conscience when dealing with his enemies, so we can truly be ambassadors for your kingdom in all its justice, truth, mercy, and peace.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

SERMON "Keeping Our Enemies Close" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

You Are Exalted

Jeff Sparkman

Chorus 1

You are exalted You are exalted
We lift You high be glorified

Verse 1

Crowned with many crowns
You laid Yourself down

Love at all cost
Even death on the cross
Jesus exalted

Verse 2

Death that brought life
A humble sacrifice
You've risen from the grave
With the power to save
Jesus exalted

Chorus 2

You are exalted You are exalted
We lift You high be glorified
You are exalted You are exalted
Jesus Your Name forever we raise

Interlude

Forever we raise You Lord God

Verse 3

You have the Name
Above ev'ry name
Oh ev'ry knee will fall
And ev'ry tongue will say
Jesus exalted
Jesus exalted

Bridge

All honor is Yours all glory is Yours
All power is Yours forever
(REPEAT)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE