

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Second Sunday in Lent Digital Contemporary Service

February 28, 2021



CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

You Never Let Go

Matt Redman

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus 1

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare

And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Chorus 2

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me
You keep on runnin' and You never let go

Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who made us to live in communion with you and with each other, we confess that too often our hearts and our spirits are as frozen as winter ice and snow. We cling to our fears, our prejudices, our guilt, and our self-doubts rather than letting your Spirit confront us, heal us, guide us, and strengthen us. Melt our winter hearts and fill our spirits with the freshness of your Word, embodied in your Son Jesus, so that we might be truly joyful, faithful, and effective disciples of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:9-15

Beth Peters

SERMON

The Rev. Cynthia Leslie Simmons

“Proving Ground”

SONG OF PRAISE

God My Rock

Brenton Brown

Verse 1

When my heart is overwhelmed
I will look to You alone
God my rock God my rock God my rock
You will stand when others fall
You are faithful through it all
God my rock God my rock God my rock

Pre-Chorus

In the blessing in the pain
Through it all You've never failed me

Chorus 1

You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You

Verse 2

When I've struggled to believe
You have not let go of me
God my rock God my rock God my rock
Carried through the darkest storms
You have held me in Your arms
God my rock God my rock God my rock

Chorus 2

You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You
You are the joy of my life
You are my song in the night
There is no one as true
Jesus I trust in You (yeah)

Bridge

Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You God

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

Living Hope

Brian Johnson

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope

Oh God You are my living hope

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE