First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Digital Contemporary Service

March 21, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Build Your Kingdom Here **Chris Llewellyn**

Verse 1
Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2
We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus
Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3
Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come **Nathan Jess**

Verse 1
Come Lord Jesus quickly come
Come and heal I pray
In the shelter of Your love
Let me see Your face

Chorus
Ever faithful always good
Lover of my soul
Come unto the children lost
Make Your people whole

Verse 2
Come Lord Jesus quickly come
I am longing still
Overwhelm my heart with love
Moved to do Your will

Mid-Section
Awake my soul
Come like the thunder
O gentle whisper

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Here in This Place **(Verse 1,2,4)** **Marty Haugen**

Verse 1
Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away

See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

Verse 2
We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Verse 4
Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you are Word and Flesh. We long for your Light. We long to know God-With-Us. We want to see Jesus. Yet we forget who you are, lose sight of you, and stumble around aimlessly in the world, following whatever path is easiest and most convenient. We hear Jesus say, "Whoever serves must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be." Yet we struggle to keep up, to follow you into and through our own discomfort, to go to all the places and people to whom you go so readily. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and renew your Spirit within us so that we might delight in your will and walk in your way. Lead us again down the path of our brother, Jesus, so that we, too, might be a light in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:20-33 Lindsey Chadbourn

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Longing for Light"

SONG OF PRAISE

Let There Be Light **Brooke Ligertwood**

Verse 1
There's no darkness in Your eyes
There's no question in Your mind
God almighty God of mercy
There's no hiding from Your face
There's no striving in Your grace
God of mercy God almighty

Chorus 1
Let there be light
Open the eyes of the blind
Purify our hearts in Your fire
Breathe in us we pray
(Jesus have Your way)

Verse 2
There's no borders in Your love
No division in Your heart
God of heaven God of freedom
There's no taking back the cross
No regret in what it cost
God of freedom God of heaven

Chorus 2
Let there be light
Open our eyes to Your heart
Des'prate just to know who You are
Shine in us we pray
Jesus have Your way

Bridge
Good news embracing the poor
Comfort for all those who mourn
For the broken hearted we sing louder
Release from prison and shame
Oppression turning to praise

For ev'ry captive sing louder
Restoring sight to the blind
Breaking the curse of the night
For all in darkness sing louder
Proclaiming freedom for all
This is the day of the Lord
Beauty for ashes

Verse 3
Let the light that shines above
Become the light that shine in us
There's no darkness in Your way
So have Your way
Lord have Your way

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

The Blessing **Beth Redmann**

Verse
The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus
Amen
Amen
Amen

Bridge
May his favor
Be upon you

And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge
May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge
In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag
He is for you
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE