FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Contemporary Service
September 12, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Freedom — Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1
Step out of the shadows
Step out of the grave
Break into the wild
And don't be afraid

Pre-Chorus
Run into wide open spaces
Grace is waiting for you
Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting

Chorus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is freedom
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is freedom
Come out of the dark just as you are
Into the fullness of His love
For the Spirit is here let there be freedom
Let there be freedom

Verse 2
Bring all of your burdens
Bring all of your scars
Come back to communion
Come back to the start

Bridge
Chains will fall prisons shake
At the sound of Jesus' name
Lives made whole hearts awake
At the sound of Jesus' name
(Yeah)

Interlude
Let there be freedom

Pre-Chorus
Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting

Ending
Let there be freedom
Let there be freedom

God is Here **Darlene Zschech**

Verse 1
Open our eyes Lord we want to see You
Open our hearts Lord we want to know You
Open our ears Lord we need to hear You
Jesus be revealed
Jesus be revealed

Chorus
God is here God is here
God is here He is able
We draw near to see Jesus face to face
God is here God is here
God is here He is faithful
We draw near to see Jesus
Oh Jesus be revealed

Verse 2
Open the gates Lord reveal Your glory
Open the nations establish Your Kingdom
Open the Heavens pour out Your Spirit
Jesus be revealed
Jesus be revealed

Bridge
Holy we cry holy
Hallelujah God is here
Holy we cry holy
Hallelujah God is here
(REPEAT)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Come All You People **UYAI MOSE ZVINO**

Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live as one with your Spirit. Yet we want life to make sense. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept that new life and a different way are possible. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, Divine Gardener, and help us to trust that our sacred-ordinary lives are held in your care and will unfold in your grace as we seek to plant and tend and grow your beloved community here and now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

Gratitude **Brandon Lake**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:26-32 Beth Peters

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"A Mustard Seed Church"

SONG OF PRAISE

Faith Begins By Letting Go **Hymn Tune "DIX"**

Verse 1
Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Verse 2
Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

Verse 3
Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts:
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

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

Seek Ye First **Karen Lafferty**

Verse 1
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2
Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Verse 3
Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Your Grace is Enough **Matt Maher**