FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Contemporary Service
September 26, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Child of Love — **Ed Cash**

Verse 1
I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

Verse 2
All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Verse 3
I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Interlude
Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Bridge
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate

Interlude
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love

Ending
Oh yeah oh
I am a child of love
I am a child of love

Awake My Soul **Chris Tomlin**

Chorus
Awake my soul
You lift me up You lift me up
Awake my soul
Be lifted up be lifted up

Verse 1
I lost heart lost soul lost rhythm in my bones
Gotta find my God again
I was dead I was gone and I thought I was done
You were there in the hurricane
But You light up the dawn and You wake up the sun
And You raise me up again
Awake my soul awake my soul

Verse 2
I got hope got fears got an ocean of tears
Still I'm happy in my skin
Now I know I'm alive gonna shout to the skies
And Your love is in the air
'Cos You light up the dawn and You wake up the sun
And You raise me up again
Awake my soul awake my soul

Bridge
'Cos I'm looking for a fire so reignite this flame
Come resurrect me Jesus come raise the dead again
So breathe in me Your fire the old will burn away
I speak unto my spirit and tell it to awake

Interlude
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul

Ending
Love is in the air
Love is in the air
When You're whispering my name
Love is in the air

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Build My Life **Brett Younker**

Verse 1
Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in Scripture Paul reminds us that we are your temple, and your Spirit dwells in us. And yet so often we struggle to recognize your presence; we feel empty, and instead of focusing our attention more deeply on you, we grow anxious and try to fill ourselves with things that do not truly satisfy. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to feel your loving Spirit in and around us. Fill us with your grace until we are so overflowing that we must share it with others.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

Prayer **Nathan Jess**

Verse 1
Father hear my restless voice
Speaking out Your name
Longing to be home at last
Where my God abides

Chorus
Holy is the Lord
O holy is Your name
I'll forever sing
Your glory to proclaim

Verse 2
Lord of Heaven hear my cry
Shouting out Your praise
When this day will come to end
There I'll join again (Chorus)

Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 3:4-11, 16, 21-23 JoAnne Turcotte

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"Neighborhood Church: Building Up, Building Out"

SONG OF PRAISE

Build Your Kingdom Here **The Rend Collective**

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 our souls 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
(Chorus)

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

Open Up the Heavens — **James MacDonald**

Verse 1
We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Interlude
Oo oo oo oo oo

Verse 2
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Bridge
Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Open Up the Heavens (Reprise)