



# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## Combined Worship Service



**March 28, 2021**  
***Palm Sunday***

*WE GATHER*

### PRELUDE

#### **He Reigns**

**Peter Furler**

#### Verse 1

It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers  
Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe every tongue every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

#### Chorus

It's all God's children singing  
Glory glory hallelujah  
He reigns He reigns  
It's all God's children singing  
Glory glory hallelujah  
He reigns (He reigns)

#### Verse 2

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground  
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation  
Some were meant to persist  
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples  
None rings truer than this

#### Bridge

And all the powers of darkness

Tremble at what they've just heard  
'Cause all the powers of darkness  
Can't drown out a single word

### **Let us Adore**

**Reuben Morgan**

#### Verse 1

The heavens declare  
The glory of God  
And all of the world  
Will join the praise  
His wonders proclaim

#### Verse 2

The oceans and skies  
Lift up their voice  
And all He has made  
Will rise to bless  
The King of all kings

#### Chorus 1

Let us adore Him  
Let us adore Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

#### Verse 3

Eternity's King  
Is coming again  
Though all of the earth  
Will fade away  
His truth will remain

#### Chorus 2

Come and behold Him  
Bow down before Him  
Jesus Christ is the Lord

#### Bridge

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
You are worthy of all praise

#### Ending

Jesus Christ is the Lord

# CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

## OPENING HYMN

### **Hosanna**

**Brooke Ligertwood**

#### Verse 1

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes yeah

#### Verse 2

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

#### Chorus

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

#### Verse 3

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

#### Verse 4

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

#### Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

## *WE CONFESS*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, on Palm Sunday the crowds surged around Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, calling out “Hosanna!” which means, “Save us!” And we, too, cry out for salvation, for deliverance, for restoration. But too often forget that you do not simply save us from something, but also for something. You deliver us from all that would separate us from your love, and then call and send us to embody and share your love. Give us the faith, hope, and love to answer your call, that we may follow Christ well and help others to know his gracious and saving love through our lives and ministry.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## *WE LISTEN*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**You Are My King (Amazing Love)**

**Billy James Foote**

Verse

I'm forgiven

Because You were forsaken

I'm accepted

You were condemned

I'm alive and well

Your Spirit is within me

Because You died

And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love

How can it be

That You my King

Would die for me

Amazing love

I know it's true

It's my joy to honor You

In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King

You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Melinda Stitt

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING Mark 11: 1-11

Kristen Benway

Leader: The word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Casing the Promised Land”

## *WE RESPOND*

HYMN

**#89**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

**ELLACOMBE**

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
'Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Ride on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice.

## ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory

**The Wonderful Cross**

**Chris Tomlin**

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

\*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

\*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

**Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King**

**Thomas Miller**

Verse 1

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness  
'Til You came and rescued me  
I was bound by all my sin when  
Your love came and set me free  
Now my soul can sing a new song

Now my heart has found a home  
Now Your grace is always with me  
And I'll never be alone

Chorus

Come Thou Fount come Thou King  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride to You we sing  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing  
Come Thou Fount come Thou King

Come Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride to You we sing  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**God You Reign**

**Lincoln Brewster**

Verse 1

You paint the night  
You count the stars and You call them by name  
The skies proclaim God You reign  
Your glory shines  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day  
Creation sings God You reign

Chorus

(Woh) God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

Verse 2

You part the seas  
You move the mountains with the words that You say  
My song remains God You reign

You hold my life  
You know my heart and You call me by name  
I live to say God You reign

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelu, Hallelujah hallelu  
(REPEAT)