

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Third Sunday of Advent

Digital Contemporary Service

December 13, 2020



CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Verse 2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Here in Your Presence

Jon Egan

Verse 1

Found in Your hands, fullness of joy
Every fear, suddenly wiped away
Here in Your presence
All of my gains, now fade away
Every crown, no longer on display
Here in Your presence

Pre-Chorus

Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

Chorus

Here in Your presence, we are undone
Here in Your presence, heaven and earth become one
Here in Your presence, all things are new
Here in Your presence, everything bows before You

Verse 2

Found in Your hands, fullness of joy
Every fear, suddenly wiped away
Here in Your presence
All of my gains, now fade away
Every crown, no longer on display
Here in Your presence

Bridge

Wonderful, beautiful, glorious
Matchless in every way

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 3

VENI EMMANUEL

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to us to bring good news to the oppressed and to bind up the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to comfort those who mourn. But as followers of Christ, too often we do not share those promises with others. We offer our pity to the oppressed instead of your good news; we encourage the brokenhearted to bind themselves up; we wonder what the captives did to deserve their captivity; we avoid those who mourn out of our own discomfort and fear. Forgive us, Lord, and send your Spirit upon us anew, so that we may have the strength and courage to fulfill your calling and be ministers of your love, justice, mercy, and peace.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

SERMON

"Rising in the Ruins"

The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

The Angel Gabriel

Sabine Baring-Gould

1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
With wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.

"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

2 "How blest among all women you shall be,
Whom ev'ry age will praise continually.
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn.
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

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

Majestic

Lincoln Brewster

Verse

Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

Chorus

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You

Verse

Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth

Chorus

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You

Bridge

I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You Lord

Chorus

The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE