

# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## Ascension of the Lord Digital Contemporary Service



**May 16, 2021**

### CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

#### **Blessed Be Your Name**

**Matt Redman**

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Bridge  
You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

### **The Lord Our God**

**Jason Ingram**

Verse 1  
Promise maker promise keeper  
You finish what You begin  
Our provision through the desert  
You see it through till the end  
You see it through till the end

Chorus  
The Lord our God is ever faithful  
Never changing through the ages  
From this darkness You will lead us  
And forever we will say  
You're the Lord our God

Verse 2  
In the silence in the waiting  
Still we can know You are good  
All Your plans are for Your glory  
Yes we can know You are good  
Yes we can know You are good

Bridge  
We won't move without You  
We won't move without You  
You're the light of all and all that we need  
(REPEAT)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

#### **Unfailing Love**

**Chris Tomlin**

Verse 1  
You have my heart  
And I am Yours forever

You are my strength  
God of grace and power  
And ev'rything  
You hold in Your hand  
Still You make time for me  
I can't understand

Chorus

Praise You God of earth and sky  
How beautiful is Your unfailing love  
Unfailing love  
And You never change God You remain  
The Holy One and my unfailing love  
Unfailing love

Verse 2

You are my rock  
The One I hold on to  
You are my song  
And I sing for You  
And ev'rything  
You hold in Your hand  
Still You make time for me  
I can't understand

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Jesus said that he came so that we might have life, and have it abundantly. But all too often, we resign ourselves to a life of faith defined by scarcity. We hesitate to speak of our faith, fearing the reactions or judgment of others. We are half-hearted in our service, preferring deeds that bring temporary comfort rather than true transformation. We focus on the resources that we do not have for ministry rather than those that we do. We lament a sense of your absence without considering that we may be looking for you in the wrong places. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to recognize and be true witnesses of all the things that you are doing to shower us in your boundless grace and love.**

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44-53

Lindsey Chadbourn

SERMON

“Going Far to Come Near”

The Rev. J.C. Austin

## 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**

**Chris Brown**

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

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He is for you  
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