FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

# Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
# Contemporary Service
# February 13, 2022

## CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

### God is Here — Israel Houghton

**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

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

**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
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**Chorus**
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**Guardian** **Ben Cantelon**

**Verse 1**
King of love and grace my Guardian
All my hopes and fears are in Your hands
I'm in Your hands
Where You go I'll go show me the way
Ev'ry step I take be now my guide
God on my side

**Chorus**
You go before me
You're there beside me
And if I wander Love will find me
Goodness and mercy will always follow
You go before me my Guardian

**Verse 2**
When I hear You say trust and obey
I will walk by faith and not by sight
God of my life
So let Your kingdom come Your will be done
All Your promises will stand forever
You're my defender

**Bridge**
You are God our great defender
Strong in love forever faithful
We are Yours and we will trust in You
(Repeat)

**Chorus**
You go before me
You're there beside me
And if I wander Love will find me
Goodness and mercy will always follow
You go before me my Guardian

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

## SONG OF PRAISE

**Your Grace Still Amazes Me** **Connie Harrington**

**Verse 1**
My faithful Father enduring Friend
Your tender mercy's like a river with no end
It overwhelms me covers my sin
Each time I come into Your presence
I stand in wonder once again

**Verse 2**
O patient Savior You make me whole
You are the Author and the Healer of my soul
What can I give You Lord what can I say
I know there's no way to repay You
Only to offer You my praise

**Bridge**
It's deeper it's wider
It's stronger it's higher
It's deeper it's wider
It's stronger it's higher
Than anything
My eyes can see

**Chorus**
Your grace still amazes me
Your love is still a mystery
Each day I fall on my knees
'Cause Your grace still amazes me
Your grace still amazes me

**Chorus**
Your grace still amazes me
Your love is still a mystery
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, when we trust in you, we are like trees planted by water, drawing life from being rooted in your grace. But when we fail to trust in you, we are like shrubs in the desert, parched and withering, unable to sustain ourselves. Forgive us for the times when we've trusted in everything but you and your steadfast love. Renew us, sustain us, and give us the courage to follow you and trust in you, so that we may live the abundance of life you intend for us, and our lives may bear fruit for your will on earth.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

**Take Heart** **Colin Edge**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 17:5-10 Beth Peters

SERMON "Planted by the Water" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

**God My Rock** **Paul Baloche**

**Verse 1**
When my heart is overwhelmed
I will look to You alone
God my rock God my rock God my rock
You will stand when others fall
You are faithful through it all
God my rock God my rock God my rock

**Chorus 1**
You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You

**Pre Chorus**
In the blessing in the pain
Through it all You've never failed me

**Verse 2**
When I've struggled to believe
You have not let go of me
God my rock God my rock God my rock
Carried through the darkest storms
You have held me in Your arms
God my rock God my rock God my rock

**Chorus 2**
You are the strength of my heart
You are the strength of my heart
I can rely on You
I can rely on You
You are the joy of my life
You are my song in the night
There is no one as true
Jesus I trust in You (yeah)

**Bridge**
Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You
Jesus we trust in You God

## 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

**Unstoppable God** **Chris Brown**

**Verse 1**
Heaven thundered
And the world was born
Life begins and ends
In the dust You formed
Faith commanded
And the mountains moved
Fear is losing ground
To our hope in You

**Chorus**
Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done (oh)

**Verse 2**
Freedom conquered
All our chains undone
Sin defeated
Jesus has overcome
Mercy triumphed
When the third day dawned
Darkness was denied
When the stone was gone

**Chorus**
Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done (oh)

**Bridge**
Nothing shall be impossible
Your kingdom reigns unstoppable
We'll shout Your praise forevermore
Jesus our God unstoppable
(repeat)

**Chorus**
Unstoppable God
Let Your glory go on and on
Impossible things
In Your name they shall be done (oh)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
(Reprise)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is Scouting Sunday, and we will be welcoming Scouts from the troop we sponsor, Troop 302, to our Traditional Worship service. They will assist as ushers and participate in the service.
- Today is also Souper Bowl of Caring, at which time we are taking a special collection to support our food ministry at Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering. We are also collecting donations of canned tuna and chicken to share with our neighbors at Turning Point and New Bethany food banks. You can make online gifts on our website "Give" page; please include a memo marking it as "Souper Bowl of Caring."
- On Wednesday, February 23 we will conclude our three-part series on "What Does It Mean to Confess the Faith Today?" led by The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton and The Rev. Dr. Steve Simmons. All are welcome, even if you have not attended the two previous sessions. To join the Zoom presentation beginning at 7 p.m.: bit.ly/3aeqLLD.
- We are incredibly grateful for monetary donations to help us meet the ongoing needs of our Afghan refugee family - Baz, Mursal, Taib, and Bahar. If you are willing and able to make a contribution, you can do so online through the church's "Give" page or with a gift on an upcoming Sunday. However you make your gift, please label it "Refugee Family Support" so that it can be accounted for and allocated correctly. It would also help our finance office if your designated gift is made separately from any regular offerings.