FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Palm Sunday
Contemporary Service
April 10, 2022

GATHERING SONG

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

GATHERING SONG **Lincoln Brewster**

Majestic

Verse 1

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

Chorus 1

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
I will worship You

We will worship You
We will worship You

Chorus 2

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
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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palm branches and hallelujahs: we love the Palm Sunday celebration. We love the sound of a joyful parade. We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner. But we forget that Palm Sunday was not just a celebration when it happened. We ignore that Christ was not simply riding through a joyful crowd with pleasure but riding to a shameful death to open the path to eternal life for us. Forgive our indifference, and strengthen our own hearts, that we may journey with courage wherever Christ leads us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

Praise My Soul the Kingdom of Heaven **Graham Kendrick**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11 Liz Mountain

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"A King Without a Crown"

SONG OF PRAISE

This Is Your Day **Dave Kull**

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
Oh God You saved my soul
There's nowhere else I'd rather be
Jesus You are my home

Pre Chorus

To the One who gave His life for me
To the Son who set my spirit free

Chorus

Shout it from the rooftops
Make it loud
This is your day
Love has come to save us
To break us out and make a way

Chorus 2

Like a rolling stone
Like a blazing fire
Keep the faith alive
This is not the end
This is where it starts
Open up your heart

Verse 2

Amazing love the sweetest thing
That I have ever known
If I have You I have it all
This is where I belong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The 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.

SENDING SONG

Overcome **Joe Egan**

Verse 1

Seated above enthroned in the Father's love
Destined to die poured out for all mankind

Verse 2

God's only Son perfect and spotless One
He never sinned but suffered as if He did

Pre Chorus

All authority
Every victory is Yours
All authority
Every victory is Yours

Chorus

Savior worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise
For You overcame
Jesus awesome in power forever
Awesome and great is Your Name
For You overcame

Verse 3

Power in hand speaking the Father's plan
You're sending us out light in this broken land

Bridge

We will overcome
By the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony
Everyone overcome

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Reprise)