FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Contemporary Service
March 27, 2022

GATHERING SONG

Freedom — **Brett Younker**

Verse 1
Step out of the shadows
Step out of the grave
Break into the wild
And don't be afraid
Pre Chorus
Run into wide open spaces
Grace is waiting for you
Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting
Chorus
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
There is freedom
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There is freedom
Come out of the dark just as you are
Into the fullness of His love
For the Spirit is here let there be freedom
Let there be freedom

Verse 2
Bring all of your burdens
Bring all of your scars
Come back to communion
Come back to the start
Bridge
Chains will fall prisons shake
At the sound of Jesus' name
Lives made whole hearts awake
At the sound of Jesus' name
(Yeah)
Interlude
Let there be freedom
Pre Chorus
Dance like the weight has been lifted
Grace is waiting
Ending
Let there be freedom
Let there be freedom

GATHERING SONG

You Have Always Been Faithful

Stephen Altrogge

Verse 1
There is a Rock that's weather'd ev'ry storm Standing firm though the ages
A shelter for the battered bruised and worn You're our help and our Savior

Chorus
You have always been faithful
And You will always be good
You'll never let me go
I'll never be alone
You have always been faithful

Verse 2
Ev'ry day Your grace has carried me
Through the joy and the sorrow
You hold me tight through all eternity
You're my hope for tomorrow

Chorus
You have always been faithful
And You will always be good
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(REPEAT)

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Child of Love

Andrew Bergthold

Verse 1
I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

Verse 2
All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Verse 3
I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Interlude
Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Bridge
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do Nothing can separate

Interlude
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Ending
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we forget the beginning of the story -
that we were made from love, to be love, to give love.
We forget that first there was you, and you are love.
We forget that out of that love you created us.
We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.
We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.
Forgive our resistance to love ourselves and to love others.
Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.
And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on - from generation to generation.
Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unending love.
With hope we pray, again and again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

In Christ Alone **Keith Getty**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:13-22 JoAnne Turcotte

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

"Again & Again, God Loves First"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND
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

Verse 1
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime

Verse 2
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime

Verse 3
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime

Verse 4
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Reprise)