

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Digital Contemporary Service

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CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

God is Here

Phil Wickham

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

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
Jesus be revealed

Bridge

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

Today is the Day

Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus 1

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day today is the day

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(All my days I'll live)

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made

I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

It is Well

Kristene DiMarco

Verse 1

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all
It is well
Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Verse 2

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Bridge

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name

Ending

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, from the very beginning of creation you created humanity in your image, and called us to care for all of your creation on your behalf. But we easily lose sight of your image in others and even in ourselves: we confuse distinctions with others for divisions; we equate being different with being lesser. Lord help us to recognize your image shining clear in each and every person we see, that we may truly love you by loving our neighbors, and worship you by serving others.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

“From the Beginning”

The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain

There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE