FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Third Sunday After Epiphany
Contemporary Service
January 23, 2022

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Open Up the Heavens — James MacDonald

Verse 1
We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre Chorus
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Interlude
Oo oo oo oo

Verse 2
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Bridge
Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Ending
Oo oo oo oo

My Hope — Paul Baloce

Verse 1
Nothing will change if all the plans I make go wrong
Your love stays the same
Your light will guide me through it all
I'm hanging on I'm leaning in to You

Verse 2
Nothing can reach the end of all Your faithfulness
Your grace is with me
Through ev'ry shadow ev'ry test
I'm hanging on I'm leaning in to You

Pre Chorus
I don't know where You'll take me
But I know You're always good

Chorus
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Your great love Your righteousness
I will not walk another way
I trust Your heart I trust Your Name
I'm holding on I'm holding on to You

Verse 3
You are my Rock when storms are raging all around
You shelter me God
I'm safe with You on solid ground
I'm hanging on I'm leaning in to You

Bridge
Oh I'm holding on I'm holding on to You
I'm holding on I'm holding on to You (3X)
I'm holding on to You
Yeah I'm holding on to You holding on
I'm holding on to You yeah
I'm holding on to You
I'm holding on to You

Ending
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Your great love Your righteousness
I will not walk another way
I trust Your heart I trust Your name

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Oceans **Joel Houston**

Verse 1
You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1
And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2
Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude
Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge
Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude
Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2
I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On the shores of Galilee, Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, James and John. Immediately, they drop their nets, abandon their boats. Christ, you also call us. But we are slow to drop our excuses, our tasks, and our fears to follow you. Forgive us. And call to us again, we pray. Summon us to repent, to turn around, to be transformed by your voice so that we might follow you more fully and more faithfully, letting go of our anxiety and trusting that the kingdom of heaven has, indeed, come near. With courage, may we proclaim and live the reign of God each day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

With All I Am **Reuben Morgan**

Verse 1
Into Your hands I commit again
All I am for You Lord
You hold my world in the palm of Your hand
And I am Yours forever

Chorus
Jesus I believe in You
Jesus I belong to You
You're the reason that I live
The reason that I sing
With all I am

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23 Beth Peters

SERMON "Follow Me" The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore **PESCADOR DE HOMBRES**

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Chorus
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
(Chorus)

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.
(Chorus)

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.
(Chorus)

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

Love Is Greater Than Fear **The Many**

Verse 1
When I can't take the first step
When all I'm holding is my breath
I pray that you are there

Verse 2
When I can't seem to forget
When I can't see the morning light yet
I pray that you are there
I pray love is greater than fear.

Chorus
Love is greater than
Love is greater than
Love is greater than fear

Verse 3
When I can't find another way
When I don't have the words to say
I pray that you are there
I pray love is greater than fear

Chorus
Love is greater than
Love is greater than
Love is greater than fear

Love is greater than
Love is greater than
Love is greater than fear

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements:

- On Sunday, January 30 we will gather for a Combined Worship Service at 10 a.m., both in-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed. It will be followed by the annual Congregational Meeting, offered in-person in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.
- Hearts N Minds, our adult ed class, will meet via Zoom only at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 30.