FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Third Sunday After Pentecost
Contemporary Service
June 13, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

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

All the Poor and Powerless — Leslie Jordan

Verse 1
All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

Chorus 1
And all will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah

Verse 2
All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

Bridge
Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God (yeah)
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
We will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah
We will sing out hallelujah
And shout yeah

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

When All Your Mercies **Nathan Jess**

Verse 1
When all Your mercies, O my God
My rising soul surveys
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise

Verse 2
To all my weak complaints and cries
Your mercy lent an ear
Before my feeble thoughts had learned
To form themselves in prayer

Chorus
For all Your mercies, O my God
They're falling like the rain
They're falling like the rain
My ever grateful heart, O Lord
Your mercy shall adore
Your mercy shall adore

Verse 3
O how shall words with equal warmth
The gratitude declare
That glows within my ravished heart?
But You can read it there
(Chorus)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your Scriptures tell us that in Jesus Christ, we are all your children, and that our unity in Christ is greater than all our differences and distinctions. Yet our focus drifts too often to what separates us rather than what unites us. We turn differences into division, and distinctions into rejection. We confuse belonging to Christ with Christ belonging to us. Forgive us, Lord, and open us to the fullness of Christ's grace and love, that we may recognize and honor everyone we meet as one who bears your image, and join with all who seek to follow Christ in embodying his presence in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:26-29 Kristen Benway

SERMON "A Good Word: Identity" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Living Waters **Kristyn Getty**

Verse 1
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2
Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus
There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3
Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

Bridge
Ooh Ooh Ooh
Ooh Ooh Ooh

Verse 4
Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Ending
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

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

Happy Day **Ben Cantelon**

Verse 1
The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out Jesus is alive
He's alive

Chorus
And oh happy day happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
(What a glorious glorious day)
(I'll never be the same)

Verse 2
When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive
He's alive

Bridge
Oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way
That You have saved me
And oh what a glorious day
What a glorious name
Hey

Ending
What a glorious glorious day
I'll never be the same

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