

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
Third Sunday of Easter
Combined Service
April 18, 2021



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

God is Here

Darlene Zschech

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)

Freedom

Kristian Stanfill

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
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

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CRUCIFER

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous God, in Jesus Christ you come and stand among us, offering peace and hope, new life and purpose. But even in our Easter joy, we often respond with fear and disbelief. Help us to see and believe your reconciling love already at work in the world and in us, that we may be faithful witnesses and followers of Christ in all that we say and do.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prayer

Nathan Jess

Rebecca Ripley and Kellen Pisani

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36b-48

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Exit, Pursued By a Bear”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

Cornerstone

Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Stronger

Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G

Jon Roberts

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