

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Second Sunday of Advent

Digital Contemporary Service

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CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Thomas Miller

Verse 1

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed up, on it
Mount of Thy re-deeming love

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home
Now Your grace is always with me
And I'll never be a-lone

Chorus

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King; Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our bless-ing
Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King; Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride, to You we sing, come, Thou Fount of our bless-ing

Verse 3

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts a-bove

Chorus

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(Verses 1, 2 & 4)

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Verse 2

2 O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-8

SERMON "Lifting the Valley" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory in the Highest

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

You are the first, You go before
You are the last, Lord, You're the encore
Your name's in lights for all to see
The starry host declare Your glory

Chorus

Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

Verse 2

Apart from You there is no God
Light of the world, the brightened morning star
Your name will shine for all to see
You are the one, You are my glory

Chorus

Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

Bridge

All the earth will sing Your praise
The moon and stars, the sun and rain
Every nation will proclaim
You are God and You will reign

Chorus

Glory, glory Hallelujah
Glory, glory to You, Lord
Glory, glory Hallelujah
Hallelujah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to
give you thanks and praise...
As our Savior Christ has taught us,
so now we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

SONG OF PRAISE

My Hope

Paul Baloche

Verse 1

Nothin' will change
If all the plans I make are wrong
Your love stays the same
Your light will guide me through it all
I'm hangin' on, I'm leanin' in to You

Verse 2

Nothin' can reach the end of all Your faithfulness
Your grace is with me
Through every shadow, every test
I'm hangin' on, I'm leanin' in to You

Bridge 1

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

Chorus

My hope is built on nothin' else
Than Your great love, Your righteousness
I will not walk another way
I trust Your heart, I trust Your name
I'm holdin' on, I'm holdin' on to You

Verse 3

You are my Rock when storms are ragin' all along
You shelter me, God
I'm safe with You on solid ground
I'm hangin' on, I'm leanin' in to You

Bridge 1

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

Chorus

My hope is built on nothin' else
Than Your great love, Your righteousness
I will not walk another way
I trust Your heart, I trust Your name
I'm holdin' on, I'm holdin' on to You

Bridge 2

I'm holdin' on, I'm holdin' on to You

I'm holdin' on, I'm holdin' on to You

Chorus

My hope is built on nothin' else

Than Your great love, Your righteousness

I will not walk another way

I trust Your heart, I trust Your name

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE