

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Ascension Sunday

Online Contemporary Service

May 24, 2020



CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

God You Reign

Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines
You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings God You reign

Chorus

God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign

Verse 2

You part the seas
You move the mountains with the words that You say
My song remains God You reign
You hold my life
You know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say God You reign

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelu
Hallelujah hallelu
(REPEAT)

Song #2
Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

We Believe

Matthew Hooper

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation

We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father

We believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion

We believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection

And He's coming back again

(We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems

Greater than the songs we sing

In our weakness and temptations

We believe we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised

In the here and now let love invade

Let the church live loud our God will save

We believe we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail

For the pow'r of God has torn the veil

Now we know Your love will never fail

We believe we believe

Ending

He's coming back again

He's coming back again

We believe we believe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you call us to lives filled with your grace and purpose, sharing and embodying your love in how we treat others and respond to the joys and sorrows of our lives. But we confess there are many times that the well of our patience, our joy, our prayers, and our gratitude runs dry. Lord, fill us again with your Spirit of love, so that may rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances, knowing that you are with us and for us always and everywhere.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24

SERMON

“The Grammar of Grace”

The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Unfailing Love

Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

You have my heart
And I am Yours forever
You are my strength
God of grace and power
And ev'rything
You hold in Your hand
Still You make time for me
I can't understand

Chorus

Praise You God of earth and sky
How beautiful is Your unfailing love
Unfailing love
And You never change God You remain
The Holy One and my unfailing love
Unfailing love

Verse 2

You are my rock
The One I hold on to
You are my song
And I sing for You
And ev'rything
You hold in Your hand
Still You make time for me
I can't understand

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

Worship the Great I Am

Walker Beach

Verse 1

Glory to the Lord Most High
King of pow'r and light
Angels sing as Heaven bows
Earth resounds their song

Chorus

Worthy worthy Jesus is worthy
Praise to the Son of Man
Glory and honor crown You forever
Worship the Great I Am

Verse 2

Glory to the Prince of Life
Sacred Son of God
Risen to glory vowed His returning
Christ shall come again

Verse 3

Glory to the promised One
Holy Spirit of God
Pour out upon us power from Heaven
Fill us with Your love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE