

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Combined Service
September 27, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Unstoppable God

Chris Brown

Freedom

Kirstian Stanfill

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Please reflect on the words of our hymns and songs in your heart, not with your voice

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

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, throughout Scripture and history you have made and kept promises to be our God and for us to be your people. You provide light in the gloom, bread and water in the desert, even life in the tomb. Yet our faith in you still falters at times, and hope runs through our fingers like sand. Forgive us, Lord; help us to recognize your grace and love pouring out into the world, and to share it with others, that we may all drink our fill and be satisfied.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

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Safe in Your Arms

Christ Tomlin

Verse 1
The Lord is my shepherd
He leads me on
Beside the still waters
He restores my soul
Though I walk through the valleys I will not fear
I know You are with me I feel You here

Chorus
I am safe in Your arms
In Your arms

Verse 2
The Lord is my shepherd
Through darkest night

Though evil surrounds me
You defend my life
Goodness and mercy for all my days
In the house of my God my heart will stay

Bridge
Oh oh hallelujah hallelujah
Oh oh hallelujah hallelujah

Bridge
And my heart overflows
Forever I love You
I love You
And my heart overflows
Forever I love You
I love You
(REPEAT)

Interlude
Woah woah woah woah

Ending
I am safe in Your arms

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17:1-7

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Fountains of Stone”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

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Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1 Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,

Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud,
We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

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

Glorious

Mark Altrogge

Verse 1

How great You are
Your greatness none can fathom
Upholding all by Your Almighty Word
The universe fulfills Your ev'ry purpose
And all You've made
Will bring You praise oh God

Chorus

You are glorious glorious
And we will lift our voices to worship You
You are glorious glorious
And we will always be in awe of You

Verse 2

You move the stars
The planets in their courses
The clouds and wind and ev'rything that moves
You hold my life
You take my joys and sorrows
And cause them all to bring glory to You

Verse 3

Your ways are high
Too deep for man to fathom
But You are good and this will be my theme
You sent Your Son
To live and die for sinners
So I will trust and hope in You my King

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March from "Scipio"

G. F. Handel

Setting Noel Rawthsorne

*Thank you to our Contemporary Band
Rebecca Ripley and Beth Peters - lead singers*