

**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 CONFSSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESION

**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

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

**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 #434  
*Please reflect on the words of our hymns and songs in your heart, not with your voice*

**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 Rawthorne

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