FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Contemporary Service
April 24, 2022

GATHERING SONG

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 God is able
We draw near to see Jesus face to face
God is here God is here
God is here God 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

GATHERING SONG

Awake My Soul

Chris Tomlin

Chorus
Awake my soul
You lift me up You lift me up
Awake my soul

Verse 1
I lost heart lost soul lost rhythm in my bones
Gotta find my God again
I was dead I was gone and I thought I was done
You were there in the hurricane
But You light up the dawn and You wake up the sun
And You raise me up again
Awake my soul awake my soul

Verse 2
I got hope got fears got an ocean of tears
Still I'm happy in my skin
Now I know I'm alive gonna shout to the skies
And Your love is in the air
'Cos You light up the dawn and You wake up the sun
And You raise me up again
Awake my soul awake my soul

Bridge
'Cos I'm looking for a fire so reignite this flame
Come resurrect me Jesus come raise the dead again
So breathe in me Your fire the old will burn away I
speak unto my spirit and tell it to awake

Interlude
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul (tell it to awake)
Awake my soul

Ending
Love is in the air
Love is in the air
When You're whispering my name
Love is in the air

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Come All You People

UMAI MOSE

Come all you people, Come and praise your maker
Come all you people, Come and praise your maker
Come all you people, Come and praise your maker
Come now and worship the Lord.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose zvino.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, by the power of your Spirit, you are present among us. Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst. We do not realize you are walking beside us, for we are preoccupied by stressful, overcrowded lives. We do no notice you in everyday experiences, for we are distracted by our own concerns. We do not recognize you on our streets or at our tables, for our expectations are too limited to imagine all the ways you dwell among us. Open our eyes and our hearts to perceive you in our midst, so that—seeing you clearly—we might follow you faithfully. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE
God So Loved **Reuben Morgan**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 JoAnne Turcotte

SERMON The Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton
"Recognizing Jesus"

Verse 1
Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
Verse 2
Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
Bridge
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

SONG OF PRAISE
Build My Life
Matt Redman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
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.

SENDING SONG

Lord You Hear the Cry **Geraldine Latty**

Verse 1
Lord you hear the cry of the widow weeping
Lord you hear the cry of the child ill
Lord you hear the cry of the depressed one sinking
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us

Verse 2
Lord you hear the sound of the proud ones laughing
Lord you hear the sound of the childless hoping
Lord you hear the sound of those in debt
And struggling
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us

Chorus
Break the heavens Lord
You said the poor are not forgotten
Let your justice roar
In mighty waves across the earth
Come and whisper peace
O God of generous compassion
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us

Verse 3
Lord you hear the sound of the addict craving
Lord you hear the sound of the greed of nations
Lord you hear the sound of the martyrs praying
Lord have mercy on us
Lord have mercy on us

Verse 4
Lord we hear the sound of your kingdom coming Resurrection day for creation groaning
Mercy I receive pouring out in loving
Lord have mercy on us (3X)
Lord have mercy on us

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Reprise)