

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Combined Service
November 22, 2020



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Mighty to Save

Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing

For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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

Amazing Love

Billy Foote

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, in Jesus Christ you came to us in human form to establish your kingdom on earth, reigning with justice, mercy, and peace. But we confess that we fall short of your call to serve Christ through lives of joy and mercy. We keep those who are different marginalized at a distance; we treat people who need love and care as problems to be solved or issues to be managed; we say, “someone should do something” instead of taking action ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to serve Christ by embodying his love wherever it is most needed, and that we may see Christ in others as we do.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Hayes

Rebecca Erhard, soprano

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

“Mercy Buckets”

WE RESPOND

HYMN

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

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

God You Reign

Mia Fiedles

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

(Woh) 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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

You Are Exalted

Verse 1

Crowned with many crowns
You laid Yourself down
Love at all cost
Even death on the cross
Jesus exalted

Verse 2

Death that brought life
A humble sacrifice
You've risen from the grave
With the power to save
Jesus exalted

Chorus 2

You are exalted You are exalted
We lift You high be glorified
You are exalted You are exalted
Jesus Your Name forever we raise

Interlude

Forever we raise You Lord God

Verse 3

You have the Name
Above ev'ry name
Oh ev'ry knee will fall
And ev'ry tongue will say
Jesus exalted
Jesus exalted

Bridge

All honor is Yours all glory is Yours
All power is Yours forever