

**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

Please reflect on the words of our hymns and songs in your heart, not with your voice  
#144

### 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