FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Contemporary Service
October 3, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Open Up the Heavens — James MacDonald

Verse 1
We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus
You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Interlude
Oo oo oo oo oo

Verse 2
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Bridge
Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Cornerstone

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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

House of the Lord

Verse 1
We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus 1
There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude
Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2
We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge
('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Interlude
There is joy in this house oh yeah
There is joy there is joy
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise

Chorus 2
There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
We're gonna shout out Your praise
There is joy
There is joy surely in this place
We won't be quiet
We shout Your praise

Ending
We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, you invite us to be partners in Christ with each other and with you, building up your kingdom together. But true partnership is hard; it requires vulnerability and openness to change. We use distance and control as ways to protect ourselves, unwilling to risk the uncertainty and transformation that comes from authentic partnership. Forgive us, Lord; strengthen our hearts and our faith so that we can be partners in your call to love and heal the world as the Body of Christ today.

INTERLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1
Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Philemon, vv. 4-17 Rich Hooper

SERMON "Neighborhood Church: Making Partner" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord You Hear the Cry

Verse 1
Lord you hear the cry of the widow weeping
Lord you hear the cry of the child ill treated
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise…
As our Savior Christ has taught us, so now we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

SONG OF PRAISE

Everlasting God

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Everlasting God (Reprise)