FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Second Sunday in Lent
Contemporary Service
March 13, 2022

GATHERING SONG

When all Your Mercies — **Nathan Jess**

Verse 1
When all Your mercies, O my God
My rising soul surveys
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise

Verse 2
To all my weak complaints and cries
Your mercy lent an ear
Before my feeble thoughts had learned
To form themselves in prayer

Chorus
For all Your mercies, O my God
They're falling like the rain
They're falling like the rain
My ever grateful heart, O Lord
Your mercy shall adore
Your mercy shall adore

Verse 3
O how shall words with equal warmth
The gratitude declare
That glows within my ravished heart?
But You can read it there

GATHERING SONG

Waiting for You — Hannah Reed

Verse 1
The earth cries out, nothing feels right.
The world cries out, no justice in sight.
Fires burning everywhere,
Too many, too hot, too bright.

Chorus
We are waiting for you. (repeat)
We are waiting for that
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (repeat Gloria)

Verse 2
The child cries out, “don’t turn out the light.”
Broken hearts cry out, no end of hurt in sight.
Greed and guns rule everywhere,
Too many, too strong to fight.

Chorus
We are waiting for you. (repeat)
We are waiting for that
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (Repeat 3xs)

Bridge
Let us be a sign of hope
Let us be your arms of love
Let us be the ones that say
There is another way
(repeat)

Chorus

We are waiting for you.
You are waiting for us, too.
We are waiting for that
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (Repeat 3xs)

Coda
We are waiting for you.
You are waiting for us, too.

EMBODIED CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons — Matt Redman

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Ending
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you invite us to listen for your Word and to truly hear it, responding with lives of faithfulness and love. But we respond too often like Peter instead: we argue what we don't know; we fear what we cannot see; and we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. Help us to hear you more clearly, and know you more fully, so we can serve you more faithfully.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

The Lord Our God **Jason Ingram**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:31-38 Rich Hooper

SERMON "Listen Up" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

Safe in Your Arms **Martin Smith**

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

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

Chorus

I am safe in Your arms
In Your arms

Bridge
And my heart overflows
Forever I love You
I love You
And my heart overflows
Forever I love You
love You
(REPEAT)

Interlude
Woah woah woah woah

Ending
I am safe in Your arms

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

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 Reign in Me **Brenton Brown**

Verse 1
Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset
sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Chorus
Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Verse 2
Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my
Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Reprise)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome to attend tomorrow's Hi Neighbors informational program in Fellowship Hall. We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. for a Hospitality Time, followed by the program at 10 a.m. Danielle Moore of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office will present "10 Scams," which should be interesting and informative.