FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Contemporary Service
October 17, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Amazing — Brian Platt

Verse 1
You are my sole provider
You are the Prince of Peace
You are my defender
And I want to worship
You are the victory won
You are the risen one
To You I surrender
And I want to worship

Chorus
Never gonna be the same
Love will never leave me
God You're amazing
(REPEAT)

Verse 2
You are my sole provider
You are the Son of God
You are my protector
And I want to worship
You are the victory won
You are the risen one
To You I surrender
And I want to worship

Majestic — Lincoln Brewster

Verse
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth
O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

Chorus 1
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Bridge
I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You
I will worship You

We will worship You
We will worship You

Chorus 2
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

His Mercy is More — **Matt Papa**

Verse 1
What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2
What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor

Verse 3
What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus
Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we remember that Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and invites us to follow him. Yet the way of Jesus is hard to follow sometimes. We long for less demanding paths; we prefer to find our own way; we fear moving on from where we are, even when where we are is not a good place to be. Forgive us, Lord, and bless us with strength, faith, and hope, that we may have more than enough for the journey, and help others along the way as well.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERLUDE

Here as in Heaven — **Chris Brown**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 18:24-27 JoAnne Turcotte

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"On the Way"

SONG OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision **Hymn Tune SLANE**

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.

2 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATITUDE REFLECTIONS JoAnne Turcotte

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Guardian **Ben Cantelon**

Verse 1
King of love and grace my Guardian
All my hopes and fears are in Your hands
I'm in Your hands
Where You go I'll go show me the way
Ev'ry step I take be now my guide
God on my side

Chorus
You go before me
You're there beside me
And if I wander Love will find me
Goodness and mercy will always follow
You go before me my Guardian

Verse 2
When I hear You say trust and obey
I will walk by faith and not by sight
God of my life
So let Your kingdom come Your will be done
All Your promises will stand forever
You're my defender

Bridge
You are God our great defender
Strong in love forever faithful
We are Yours and we will trust in You

Ending
My Guardian my Guardian

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guardian **Ben Cantelon**