

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, September 13, 2020

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “Trust In You”

Verse 1

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wondering
Never changes what You see

Verse 2

I've tried to win this war I confess
My hands are weary I need Your rest
Mighty warrior King of the fight
No matter what I face You're by my side

Chorus

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

Verse 3

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

Chorus

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move

When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust I will trust
I will trust in You

Bridge

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood

Chorus

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I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
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When You don't give the answers
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Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!
People: **Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!**
Leader: Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.
People: **Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.**
Leader: Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.
People: **Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

We sing and speak your praise, O God, grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us. You promise to be with us always, even in these challenging times. Be with us now, and keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open to learn ways in which we can offer your healing love to others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Songs
"You Never Let Go"

Verse 1
Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus
Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Verse 2
And I can see a light that is coming

"Way Maker"

Verse 1
You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2
You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3
You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
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Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Pre-Chorus
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus
Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Bridge
Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on

And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You

Chorus
Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me
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Tag
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge
Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working
Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Chorus
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
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Scripture Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Goodness of God”

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – **“Defender”**

Verse 1

**You go before I know
That You've even gone to win my war
You save me from the hand of my enemy
You come back and You call it my victory**

Verse 2

**You go before I know
That You've even gone to win my war
Your love becomes my greatest defense
It leads me from the dry wilderness**

Pre-Chorus

**All I did was praise
All I did was worship
All I did was bow down
All I did was stay still**

Chorus

**Hallelujah You have saved me
So much better Your way
Hallelujah great Defender
So much better Your way**

Verse 3

**You know before I do
Where my heart can seek to find Your truth
Your mercy is the shade I'm living in
You restore my faith and hope again**

Pre-Chorus

**All I did was praise
All I did was worship
All I did was bow down
All I did was stay still**

Chorus

**Hallelujah You have saved me
So much better Your way
Hallelujah great Defender
So much better Your way**

**Hallelujah You have saved me
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So much better Your way**

Bridge

**When I thought I lost me
You knew where I left me
You reintroduced me to Your love
You picked up all my pieces
Put me back together
You are the defender of my heart**

**When I thought I lost me
You knew where I left me
You reintroduced me to Your love
You picked up all my pieces
Put me back together
You are the defender of my heart**

Chorus

**Hallelujah You have saved me
So much better Your way
Hallelujah great Defender
So much better Your way**

**Hallelujah You have saved me
So much better Your way
Hallelujah great Defender
So much better Your way**

Ending

**All I did was praise
All I need to do is worship
Lord I will just bow down
I'm just gonna stay still**

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Pastoral Prayer & 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.

Concluding Song – “See A Victory”

Verse 1

The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail
My God will never fail

Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Verse 2

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
I know how this story ends
I know how this story ends

Chorus

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

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I'm gonna see a victory

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I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Bridge

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

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And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

Chorus

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Blessing for Melanie Stoll

Faithful God,

Keep, preserve, and protect Melanie in all her days.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, may she continue to be the child of God that You have created her to be. Bless her as she shares her special gifts of music, love, care and compassion with her family and new community in Florida. Lead her to new ministries, secure in the knowledge that wherever she goes, You, dear Lord, go with her.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him; deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him; and demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.**

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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