

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

+++ RECONNECTING WITH GOD +++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Because of Bethlehem"

**Just a tiny, nowhere town With a tiny, no room inn.
This is where the greatest story ever told begins.
Where just a tiny beating heart Had all creation leaning in.
That night the world forever changed
Because of Bethlehem.**

**It's where a star led to a stable, A baby's cry made angels sing
And the search to find a Savior led to Heaven's humble King.
Where the wise men found the answer, The shepherds found the Lamb
And I found my Immanuel
Because of Bethlehem.**

(Chorus)

**Love is born, hope is here. Heaven's light has made the darkness disappear.
Peace on earth, good will to men. God with us, all because of Bethlehem.**

**From a child in a cradle To a King upon a cross,
He knew the road was leading Him To pay a crimson cost.
And when no other arms could carry The weight of all our sin,
He took the fall and it happened all
Because of Bethlehem.**

Chorus

**From a tomb that love left empty To a Father's righthand throne,
And a promise He's preparing us A place we'll soon call home.
He who came to earth from Heaven Is coming back again
And our eyes will see eternity
Because of Bethlehem.**

Chorus

God with us, all because of Bethlehem.

Because Of Bethlehem Words and music by Matthew West CCLI Song #7228935

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

OPENING "Child of Love"

I was walking the wayside, Lost on a lonely road.

I was chasing the high life, Try'n to satisfy my soul.

All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain.

Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same.

(Chorus)

I'm gonna climb a mountain. I'm gonna shout about it.

I am a child of love.

I found a world of freedom. I found a friend in Jesus.

I am a child of love.

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames.

Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave.

Chorus

Yeah, yeah, oh, I am a child of love! Yeah, oh, I am a child of love!

**Nothing can change the way You love me. Nothing can change the way.
I belong to You. Yes, I do. Nothing can separate. (Repeat)**

I'm gonna climb a mountain. I am a child of love.

I found a world of freedom. I am a child of love.

Chorus

**Oh, yeah, oh, I am a child of love!
I am a child of love!**

Child of Love Words and music by Ed Cash, Scott Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash and Andrew Bergthold
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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins, Known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 111:2-5

P: I waited patiently for the LORD;

C: And he turned to me and heard my cry.

P: He lifted me out of the pit, out of the mud and mire;

C: And set my feet on a rock

P: He put a new song in my mouth,

C: A hymn of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and put their trust in the LORD.

C: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,

P: Blessed is the one who does not look to the proud,

C: Who doesn't turn to false gods.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE "Fear is Not My Future"

**Let Him turn it in your favor; Watch Him work it for your good.
He's not done with what He's started; He's not done until it's good.**

(Chorus)

**Hello Peace, hello Joy, hello Love,
Hello Strength, hello Hope, it's a new horizon. (Repeat)**

**If you're ready for a breakthrough, Just open up and just receive,
'Cause what He's pouring out is nothing You've ever seen, You've ever seen.**

Chorus

(Bridge)

Fear is not my future, You are, You are. Sickness is not my story, You are, You are.

Heartbreak's not my home, You are, You are. Death is not the end, You are, You are. (Repeat)

Chorus

Bridge

Fear Is Not My Future Words and music by Brandon Lake, Nicole Hannel, Kirk Franklin, Hannah Shackelford and Jonathan Jay CCLI Song #7198123

FIRST LESSON 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ⁹Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ¹¹Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The new has come, the old has gone! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the

ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:29-30, 37-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ... ³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE SING: "I Got You"

Where would I be if it wasn't for You? Lost in the dark, then You walked in the room.

I came alive when You opened my eyes. I won't go back to that life.

**The world might be shaking, But I stay in Your presence,
Standing strong In Your Love.**

(Chorus)

**'Cause I got You In the joy, in the pain, in the waiting;
In the flood, in the fire, in the breaking.
I'm standing on You, so I won't be moved. Yeah, I'll get through 'cause I got You.**

Why should I tremble with worry and fear? If I am Your temple, You're already here.

Heaven surrounds me when I call Your name. There's nothing that You cannot change.

Chorus

Yeah, I got You. I'm standing on You, so I won't be moved.

Yeah, I'll get through.

(Bridge)

**In ev'ry season, I'll keep on singing. In ev'ry sorrow, I'll keep on praising.
You're always with me, I know, You're never letting me go. (Repeat)**

Chorus

Bridge

'Cause I got You.

I Got You Words and music by April Cushman, Danny Gokey and Monty Rivera
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SERMON

CONFession OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

++ + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +

PRAYERS concluding with

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING (Please place your offering in offering plates located on pedestals at the back of the church.)

OFFERING SONG "Battle Belongs"

**When all I see is the battle, You see my vict'ry.
When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You.**

(Chorus)

**So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high,
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And ev'ry fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.**

**And if You are for me Who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing Impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb.**

Chorus

**(An) Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
You shine in the shadows, You win ev'ry battle.
Nothing can stand against the power of our God. (Repeat)
Chorus
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.**

Battle Belongs Words and music by Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson CCLI Song #7148126

+++ COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER +++

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising you and singing:

C: * Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored: Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONG "Let It Be A Hallelujah"

**Take my life and let it be, My soul devoted, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and all my days Make them endless praise.**

**Take my heart and let it move In spirit and in truth
For the glory of Your name.**

(Chorus)

**With ev'ry breath that's in me, With ev'ry song and melody,
Let it be a hallelujah.**

**In ev'ry breaking moment, In ev'ry blessing that You give,
Let it be a hallelujah. Oh, Lord, Let it be a hallelujah.**

**All my hopes and all my fears, Ev'ry trial, ev'ry tear,
In the chaos, You remain Faithful all the way.
Through the vict'ries, through the scars, Let me echo who You are
For the glory of Your name.**

Chorus

**Ooo, let it be a hallelujah, Let it be a hallelujah,
Nothing but a hallelujah to You, God.
Let it be a hallelujah, All my life a hallelujah,
Let it be a hallelujah to You, God**

**With ev'ry breath that's in me, With ev'ry song and melody,
Let it be, let it be. Oh!
In ev'ry breaking moment, In ev'ry blessing that You give,
Let it be a hallelujah. Oh, I pray,
Oh, let it be a hallelujah. Oh, let it be a hallelujah.
Oh, it is a hallelujah.**

Let It Be A Hallelujah Words and music by Jonas Myrin, Lauren Daigle and Mike Busbee
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"Who Am I"

**Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name, Would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way For my ever wand'ring heart?**

(Pre-Chorus)

**Not because of who I am, But because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done, But because of who You are.**

(Chorus)

**I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow;
A wave tossed in the ocean, A vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I'm calling. Lord, You catch me when I'm falling.
And You've told me who I am: I am Yours, I am Yours.**

**Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain And calm the storm in me?**

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Who Am I Words and music by Mark Hall ©2003 CCLI Song #4196651

POST-DISTRIBUTION PRAYER

+++ WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING +++

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG "Praise"

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.**

**I'll praise in the valley, Praise on the mountain.
I'll praise when I'm sure, Praise when I'm doubting.
I'll praise when outnumbered, Praise when surrounded,
'Cause praise is the water My enemies drown in.**

**As long as, I'm breathing, I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.**

**I'll praise when I feel it And I'll praise when I don't.
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control.
'Cause my praise is a weapon, It's more than a sound.
My praise is the shout That brings Jericho down.**

**As long as, I'm breathing, I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.
I won't be quiet, My God is alive.
How can I keep it inside? Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.**

**I'll praise 'cause You're sov'reign, Praise 'cause You reign.
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.
I'll praise 'cause Your faithful, Praise 'cause You're true.
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You. (Repeat)**

Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise the Lord, oh, my soul. (Repeat)

I won't be quiet, My God is alive. How can I keep it inside? (Repeat 2x)

Praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.**

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