

# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

*The Lord's Day*  
**January 28, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Travis Skillingsstad**

**Prelude: Amy Reber, piano**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*Arranged by Cindy Berry*

## **Call to Worship: Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **The Invocation**

### **Hymn of Praise 44**

#### *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord, my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thro'out  
The universe displayed.

#### Chorus

Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!

When thro' the woods

And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze; (Repeat Chorus)

And when I think  
That God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross,  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin. (Repeat Chorus)

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim:  
My God, how great Thou art! (Repeat Chorus)

### **Confession of Sin: Pastor Mike Palombo**

#### **Need of Confession: Psalm 106:6**

*Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.*

#### **Personal Confession of Sin**

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 85:2-3**

*You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. <sup>3</sup> You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.*

### **Song of Praise**

#### ***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe,  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save,  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand,  
'Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **Installation of Women's Ministry Leadership Team**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison) / Pastoral 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.**

#### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Offertory: Chancel Choir**

*God of Heaven*  
*By Heather Sorenson*

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)*

**Sermon Series: *The Gospel of Luke: Love Came Down***  
***Preparing the Way***  
***Luke 3:1-9***  
***Pastor Jeff Birch***

**3** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,<sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**Hymn 679**

***'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise;  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Chorus

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust his cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! (Chorus)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace. (Chorus)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end. (Chorus)

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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