

# ***MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION***

***The Lord's Day***  
**October 30, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Mrs. Lynne Fowlkes, flute**

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***  
*Arranged by Joel Raney*

**Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2**

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 115**

***All Creatures of Our God and King***  
All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Need of Confession: Psalm 139:23-24**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

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

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

**Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25**

*"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."*

### **Song of Praise**

***How Great Is Our God***  
The splendor of the King,  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide;  
And trembles at his voice,  
And trembles at his voice.

*(Chorus)*

How great is our God!  
Sing with me,  
"How great is our God!"  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

And age to age he stands,  
And time is in his hands;

Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb. (*Chorus*)

(*Bridge*)  
Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise;  
My heart will sing,  
“How great is our God!”

**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**

***Creation Sings***

*Arranged by Stuart Townend and Keith & Kristyn Getty*

**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.

***Sermon Series: Why the Church?***

***The Nature of the Kingdom***

***Matthew 5:11-20 (ESV)***

*<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

*<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

*<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

*17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

## **Hymn 92**

### ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
From age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thro' us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
Let goods and kindred go,

This mortal life also  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

**The Benediction: Mrs. Amy Reber**

**Postlude**

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