

# ***MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION***

***The Lord's Day***

**August 4, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Travis Skillingstad**

**Prelude: Amy Reber, piano**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 93:1-2**

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

<sup>2</sup>Your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

**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!

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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;

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.

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!

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

#### **Need of Confession: Hebrews 3:12**

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

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

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

**Holy Father, You see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of Your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from You and that to You all life returns. We have not sought to do Your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, not lived as Christ loves us. Apart from You, we are nothing. Only Your grace can sustain us. Lord, in Your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of Your salvation now and evermore. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 7:25**

<sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

### **Affirmation 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, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn 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.

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**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, featuring Grace Thomas, alto soloist**

***The Goodness of God***

*By CeCe Winans*

**Doxology 733**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

***Sermon Series: Summer in the Psalms: Cultivating Communion with God***

***Cultivating Communion***

**Psalm 99**

**Pastor Jeff Birch**

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup>The King in his might loves justice.

You have established equity;

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup>Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests,

Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.

They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup>In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;

they kept his testimonies

and the statute that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!

### **Hymn 580**

*Lead On, O King Eternal*  
Lead on, O King Eternal,  
The day of march has come,  
Hence forth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Thro' days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong;  
And now, O King Eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with sword's loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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