

# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

JULY 16, 2023 | 9:30 A.M.

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## PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship:

Psalm 8:1-5, 9

Prayer of the Day:

We praise you, God almighty, for the power you have shown in creating the world. We thank you for your love in redeeming us from sin and in creating us anew in Christ. Grant us strength in this life to honor you, Lord God, both in worship and in witness, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

\* Hymns: "He Has Made Me Glad"

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart;  
I will enter his courts with praise.  
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

## “How Great Is Our God”

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, let 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!*

From 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)*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing, how great is our God!

*(chorus)*

\* God's Greeting

Jude 1-2

## CONFESSION & PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Our World Belongs to God §10

Made in God's image to live in loving communion with our Maker,  
we are appointed earthkeepers and caretakers to tend the earth,  
enjoy it, and love our neighbors. God uses our skills for the  
unfolding and well-being of his world so that creation and all who  
live in it may flourish.

**Yet often we neglect our task. Recalling our task leads  
us to confess our sin and to yearn for God's forgiveness.**

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Isaiah 58:6-10, 13-14

Hymn: "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Assurance of Pardon:

Matthew 10:28-32

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"

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Beautiful Savior! King of creation!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,

Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;

he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine!

Prayer for Illumination

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

“a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

\* Hymn: “Knowing You”

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain, I have counted loss,  
spent, and worthless now, compared to this.

*(chorus)*

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you:  
there is no greater thing. You’re my all,  
you’re my rest. You’re my joy,  
my righteousness, and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart’s desire is to know you more,  
to be found in you and known as yours,  
to possess by faith what I could not earn:  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.

*(chorus)*

Oh, to know the power of your risen life  
and to know you in your sufferings,  
to become like you in your death, my Lord,  
so with you to live and never die.

*(chorus)*

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & Ahadi College Tuition Expenses

\* Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,  
his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe a holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## BLESSING & DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Ephesians 4:1–6, II Corinthians 13:14

\* Doxology: “I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

PH 169:1

I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
your faithfulness, your faithfulness,  
with my mouth will I make known  
your faithfulness to all generations,  
I will sing of the mercies  
of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Postlude

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*\*Indicates congregation stands, as able*

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