

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation

My Savior's Love

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus, the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

*How marvelous, How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sin and my sorrows, He made them His very own.
He bore the burden to Calv'ry, And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages To sing of His love for me.

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with (Moses) there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. —Exodus 34.5-7

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Genesis 1.26-31

Leader: Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." _

All: *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

Leader: And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." _

All: *And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. _*

Leader: And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

All: *And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

Hymns of Praise *How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art*

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.

Refrain:

*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

Refrain (2x)

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 power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: *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 through 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 then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
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Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Doxology and Prayer

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

Hymn of Testimony *God All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

(Children ages three through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast made for Thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to

still the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Series: Timeless Questions from the Psalms

"What is Man?"

Pastor John

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How glorious is your name!
For you have set above the heav'ns your glory and your fame.

From infants' and from children's lips you ordered praise to sound
To silence all your enemies, the wicked to confound.

When I regard the heav'ns you made, your fingers' work I trace;
I see the moon and shining stars which you have set in place.

I ask myself, "What then is man that you should give him thought-
The son of man, that you to him such gracious care have brought?"

Yet you created him to be just less than one divine;
You gave him honor as a crown, and made his glory shine.

You made him ruler of the works created by your hand;
You placed all things beneath his feet to be in his command:

All sheep and oxen, birds and fish, all best both wild and tame.
O LORD, our Lord in all the earth how glorious is your name!

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The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for September 5, 2021

Pastor John Batusic

- **Series-** *Timeless Questions from the Psalms*
- **Message:** “*What is Man?*”
- **Text:** Psalm 8

The Greatness of God, 1

- What names tell us
- Hebrew names reveal information about the person, Exodus 34.5-7
- Hallowed be thy name
- LORD- Yahweh, God’s covenant name
- Lord- Sovereign ruler/master
- Hebrew superstition
- David: God’s name is for all the earth

Greatness of God’s Universe, 1b-3

- God’s glory
 - The heavens, moon and stars
 - Work of his fingers
 - The glory of his creation: Grand Canyon
 - Theodore Roosevelt and William Beebe: “Sufficiently small”
- Vance Havner: a sad day when ceilings were created
- I Kings 8.27
- The privilege of praise
- Jesus quotes this, Matthew 21.15-16

The Greatness of the Image Bearers of God, 4-8

- What are humans that God thinks about us and cares for us?
 - We will never understand humans unless we see them as God’s creatures with special responsibilities
 - Harvard gate inscription
- We are a little lower than angels...
 - Note he did not say we are a little higher than animals.
- We are made in God’s image
 - We have dominion over the animals- not equality with
 - Mediocre?

Reaffirmed: The Greatness of God, 9

- The impact of a high view of humanity
- We have astonishing dignity because we are made in the image of Christ.
- Jesus shows us the potential of humanity, Hebrews 2.5-9

- He suffered for us so that he might take our death penalty and give us life

So What About Us?

- It's natural to wonder about our place in the universe
- The image of God in us cries out for our creator
 - For salvation
 - For how to live
 - Like Jesus, we seek to work and to love,
- Spend time outside