

## PREWORSHIP MUSIC

### PRELUDE

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

**All:** *We bring the burdens of the week.*

Worship Leader: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

**All:** *We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.*

Worship Leader: We bring our faith, tattered or whole, as it may be.

**All:** *We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.*

Worship Leader: No matter who you are, or where you are, on life's journey.

**All:** *You are welcome here. I am welcome here. All people are welcome here.*

Worship Leader: May it be so, as we rise to sing our gathering hymn, located on the last page of your bulletin. The song is sung to the familiar tune: *Morning Has Broken*.

### HYMN

*God of All People<sup>1</sup>*

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### CONFESSION

Worship Leader: To open our hearts to God is to risk vulnerability, judgment, and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and eager to forgive. Let us risk confessing our sin, first in silent prayer.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Worship Leader: Let us confess now, together:

**All:** *Holy One, God of life, hear our prayer:*

*Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life:*

*Those that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,*

*Paths that lead to dread and death.*

*Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life:*

*Life that is abundant and eternal,*

*Life that began at the creation of all things.*

*Forgive us and turn us back to the right path,*

*and let your love and grace flow over us and through us, into the world.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Worship Leader: Beloved people of God, hear the Good News: God's love is greater than our understanding and our comprehension. That love is continually given to each and every one of us each day. Rejoice! God's forgiving love is poured out for you now and always.

**All:** *Amen.*

Worship Leader: Filled with peace at such good news, let us share peace with one another, using the words: The peace of Christ be with you...

**All:** *And also, with you.*

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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## SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 16 & 17 (Overview)

NEW TESTAMENT READING – John 6:53-60

### SERMON

Ms. Cathy Rentzel

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE<sup>2</sup>

Worship Leader: God,  
like the Israelites in the wilderness,  
we too have known your love,  
and experienced your care and provision.  
You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—  
to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.  
And so, we bring the needs of our world before you now.  
In your mercy,

**All:** *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: We pray for the many who do not have enough:  
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;  
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;  
enough medicine or medical care.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: We also pray for those who have more than enough,  
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;  
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities  
to dull their pain or loneliness.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: God, your grace reaches out to all of us.  
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,  
working together with one heart and mind.  
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy  
of the Good News we have received,  
offering our lives in service of your kingdom,  
where the last are first, and the first are last,  
and there is grace enough for all.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** *hear our prayer.*

Worship Leader: It is through Jesus Christ, that we continue to pray as he taught us, saying:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** *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.*

#### ANTHEM

*Draw Us Together* (Choplin)

Chancel Choir

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*We Have Come to Join in Worship*

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<sup>2</sup> "Prayer of Intercession." <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayers-of-people-september-18-2011.html>. Accessed by Pastor Laura on September 24, 2022.

### OFFERING INVITATION <sup>3</sup>

Liturgist: God's blessings rain down upon us like manna from heaven. Sometimes we recognize them as blessings, and sometimes we don't. But God's presence is with us, either way. Today we pause on this worship journey, to *remember the many times God has been with us* along the way, and has provided for our needs.

(Pause for moment of silence to reflect upon God's goodness in our personal lives)

Liturgist: Beloved people of God, with gratitude for God's steadfast Presence in and through the ministry of this church, Starview United Church of Christ, we rejoice to join God's work in providing for the needs of the world. Let us dedicate our tithes and offering with a prayer of gratitude and praise.

### OFFERING PRAYER

*All: Living God, you are the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, and you are our God, too. Our world cries out in pain, as children and adults bear heavy loads of injustice and sorrow. You respond with your Son's great assurance: 'I am your Savior; I will give you a new life!' Thank you for including us in the work of your church to bring help and renewal to people here and around the globe. Use our lives and these offerings to share the good news of your Spirit's gracious, healing power. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

### HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah<sup>4</sup>*

Hymnal, #80

### BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>

Worship Leader: Go in peace.  
May the Lord who gave water to his people in the wilderness,  
pour upon you the fullness of his blessings.  
May your faith be grounded upon the Rock, which cannot move,  
and your love be as bountiful as the love of God,  
which sustains you each and every day.

*All: Amen.*

### POSTLUDE

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<sup>4</sup> John Hughes | Marty Parks | Peter Williams | William Williams. CCLI Song # 2690874.

<sup>5</sup> Fairchild, Richard. "Closing Benediction." <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/benediction-september-25-2011.html>. Accessed by Pastor Laura on September 23, 2022.

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# God of All People

TUNE: Morning Has Broken (BUNESSAN)

Exodus 34:5-7; Psalm 104:27-30; Isaiah 40:25;

Matthew 5:43-48; 10:7-8; Acts 17:24-28; Ephesians 3:14-15

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C C/G C Dm/F G7 E/G G Fadd9 F C

1. God of all peo - ple, Fa - ther Cre - a - tor, Breath of all  
2. Lord of all lead - ers, Friend of the hum - ble, Bread for the  
3. God of com - pas - sion, We are Your chil - dren, We are Your

Em Em7/F C D7 G7sus G7 C G/B Am Am/F C/G C/E

be - ing, Hope of each heart, Joy of all learn - ing, Spring of all  
hun - gry, Wine for the soul, Un - fail - ing wis - dom, Un - end - ing  
ser - vants, We are Your hands. Rich in Your Spir - it, Rich in Your

Am Fm6/Ab C/G Gsus Em/F C/E Dm7 G Em/G G7 C

lov - ing, Light of all vis - ion, Beau - ty of art,  
good - ness, Un - yield - ing mer - cy, Gen - tle con - trol,  
bless - ings, Help us to live as Your love de - mands.


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MUSIC: Gaelic Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

BUNESSAN  
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# We Have Come to Join in Worship 207


Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29





1. We have come to join in wor - ship And a - dore the Lord our God.  
2. See them gath - er all a - round you, Those He bought at such a cost;  
3. Let us love our God su - preme-ly; Let us love each oth - er, too.




Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak His might - y Word.  
See the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, See the lone - ly, see the lost.  
Let us care for all His peo - ple Till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it Of the Ho - ly One comes down.  
Be His hand, and touch the need - y; Be His gos - pel, let it sound!  
Christ will call us home to heav - en; At His ban - quet we'll sit down;



Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show - ered all a - round.  
Be His bod - y, and sweet man - na Will be show - ered all a - round.  
Christ Him - self will rise and serve us Liv - ing man - na all a - round.



TEXT: Ken Bible and George Atkins  
MUSIC: William Moore

HOLY MANNA  
8.7.8.7.D.

