

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

*“Majesty”*¹
*“Lamb of God”*²
*“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”*³

PRELUDE

The Lord’s Prayer (Malotte)⁴

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 104)

Pastor: Family of God, let us praise the Lord!

All: *O Lord my God, how great you are!*

You placed the world on its foundation so it would never be moved.

Pastor: You clothed the earth with floods of water—
water that covered even the mountains.

All: *At your command, the water fled -
at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.*

Pastor: Mountains rose, and valleys sank to the levels you decreed.

All: *Then you set a firm boundary for the seas,
so, they would never again cover the earth.*

Pastor: You make springs pour water into the ravines,
so streams gush down from the mountains.

All: *They provide water for all the animals—,
even the wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

Pastor: The birds nest beside the streams
and sing among the branches of the trees.

All: *You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.*

Pastor: You cause grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for people to use.

All: *You allow them to produce food from the earth—
wine to make them glad,*

Pastor: olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.

All: *O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.*

The earth is full of your creatures.

They all depend on you to give them nourishment as they need it.

Pastor: When you supply it,

All: *they gather it.*

Pastor: You open your hand to feed them,

All: *and they are richly satisfied.*

Pastor: May the glory of the Lord continue forever!

All: *May the Lord take pleasure in all he has made!*

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Bulletin, Last Page

¹ Jason Ingram/Andi Rozier/Meredith Andrews. CCLI.SongSelect.434.0064451

² Jason Ingram/Andi Rozier/Meredith Andrews. CCLI.SongSelect.554.007.0064551

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CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 104 and Mark 10:43)

Pastor: Our God is great indeed! We serve a God who is still creating - who promises us forgiveness of sins, whereby granting us the opportunity to get creative with new beginnings. We remember Jesus' words: *Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.* Let us humble ourselves and confess the sins we serve.

CONFESSION OF SIN ⁵

All: *God with us, when we privilege our own agendas, hurt others in the effort to impose our will, or chain ourselves to our fears, tumble us off the throne of our pride, and release us into finding our worth in your love. Lord have mercy on us. Lord Jesus Christ, you know us, you love us, you free us, then call us to follow you and we bless you. Your mercy meets us in our confusion; may your Spirit meet us in our everyday living. Cleanse us from the sins we serve, which prevent us from being the people you are creating us to be. (Moment of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

Congregation: **The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with songs of joy. The One who provides food for all living things, feeds us with mercies which come fresh and new each day.**

All: *Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.*

HEBREW READING

Job 38:1-7; 34-41

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:32-45

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Bair

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Make Me a Blessing ⁶

Chancel Choir

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: We have now come to that wonderful time in worship when we can express our praise and thanks to God in a very concrete and tangible manner. So, not because we have to, but because we are abundantly grateful, we return to God what we have been blessed to share. Let us dedicate the offerings of our time, our treasurer and our commitment in a spirit of great joy and with a prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION⁷

All: *Creator God, thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may they brighten the shadows of those who*

⁵ Prayer for Humility. Posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the **Christian Aid** website. <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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⁷ Shuman, Thomas. Prayer of Dedication/Offering. posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

wander alone; may they be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness.
Go from this time of worship knowing that God's blessings have been poured upon you,
so that you may be a blessing to others.

All: *We will be a blessing!*
We will be at peace.
We will share the good news of God's love to all whom you meet.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

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How Great Thou Art

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O STORE GUD Irregular with Refrain
Swedish Folk Melody
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1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

* all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain
thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played,
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze; Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin; ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

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