

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost<sup>1</sup>

October 9, 2022

Hymn Sing Sunday

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**PRELUDE**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION to HYMN SING SUNDAY**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 95)

Worship Leader: Come, let us sing to Yahweh;

*All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.*

Worship Leader: Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

*All: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!*

Worship Leader: It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;

*All: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;*

Worship Leader: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

*All: and your faithfulness by night,*

Worship Leader: to the music of the lute and harp,

*All: to the melody of the lyre.*

Worship Leader: For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

*All: At the works of your hands we sing for joy.*

**HYMNS**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Verses 1 & 3)

*How Great Thou Art* (Verses 1 & 4)

**Hymnal, #21  
Bulletin, Page 4**

**CONFESSION** <sup>2</sup>

Worship Leader: This is the moment in our worship, given by God,  
to confess our sins against each other,  
all that God has created, and God.  
Let us take this moment to account  
for the ways in which we have not embodied  
what it means to be created in the image of God.

**MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**HYMN OF REPENTANCE**

*Just as I Am* (All verses)

**Hymnal, #214**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** <sup>3</sup>

Worship Leader: Beloved of God, what joy we have in knowing that we can come “just as we are”  
before the God of Hosts, who assures us that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and  
just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
God will lead us back to the songs that God would have us sing.

*All: We accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ. We  
will do our very best to live in harmony with one another and all creation. Alleluia!  
Amen!*

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<sup>1</sup> The Liturgy for today’s worship service (unless otherwise referenced) was written by The Calvin Institute of Worship. “Service of Morning Prayer for Those Who Make Music: June 1, 2005.” The prayers were adapted by Pastor Laura Baker when the site was accessed on September 9, 2022.

< <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/a-service-of-morning-prayer-for-those-who-make-music/> >

<sup>2</sup> The Prayer of Confession was written by the Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood. From *God Inspired Joy: Service Prayers for Pentecost Seven*. Posted on the United Church of Christ *Worship Ways* website. < <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/> >

<sup>3</sup> The Calvin Institute of Worship. Ibid.

HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Verses 1 & 4)  
*Praise Ye, the Lord the Almighty* (Verses 1 & 3)

Hymnal, #1  
Hymnal, #8

OLD TESTAMENT READING

HYMNS

*Amazing Grace* (Verses 1, 4, & 6)  
*Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* (Verses 1 & 3)  
*What a Friend, We Have in Jesus* (Verse 1)

Bulletin, Page 5  
Hymnal, #272  
Hymnal, #472

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE<sup>4</sup>

Worship Leader: Let us take all we carry to God in prayer, using the prayer printed in our bulletin.

O God,  
just as You rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt,  
setting them free to worship and serve You,  
so, you have also rescued us,  
setting us free from slavery to sin and selfishness,  
and inviting us into relationship with You and one another.  
We praise you for the love and mercy you have shown toward us.  
You call us to love and serve you  
by loving and serving our brothers and sisters, near and far;  
to put their needs and interests ahead of our own,  
and so, to fulfill your law of love.  
we offer our prayers for the world you created.  
Lord, in your mercy,

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

Worship Leader: We pray for those who do not have what they need in order to survive;  
those without enough food and water, medical care, shelter, or security.  
Open our hearts to see the needs in our world,  
and to respond with your love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

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

Worship Leader: We pray for those who are living with serious illness or injury,  
who face each day with uncertainty or pain,  
who find themselves wondering what the future holds.  
Open our hearts to see the needs of those around us,  
and to respond with your love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

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

Worship Leader: On this Columbus Day weekend,  
we remember those who wander and yearn for adventure,  
we remember those who long for freedom, a new home, in a new land.  
We remember those who have no work,  
who are struggling to provide for their families,  
and who despair of ever finding employment again.  
Open our hearts to see the needs of the unemployed,  
and to respond with your love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

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

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<sup>4</sup> Written by "re:Worship" staff as a *September 4, 2011, Prayer of Intercession* with permission to adapt as needed. < <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayers-of-people-september-4-2011.html> >

Worship Leader: We also pray for your church, the Body of Christ on earth.  
We pray that we would be a living example of your love in our world,  
treating one another with compassion and respect,  
settling differences with love and integrity,  
bound together by our common allegiance to you.  
Open our hearts to see one another,  
and to respond with your love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

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

Worship Leader: We praise You for the way of love modeled for us by Jesus Christ.  
Open our hearts and lives to your ongoing presence among us,  
so that we would grow in faithfulness and love,  
and bring honor to your name.  
We pray through Christ, who taught us also, to pray, 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.*

### OFFERING INVITATION<sup>5</sup>

Liturgist: Like the people of Israel long ago, the children of God long for freedom in every age. We long for freedom from injustice and brokenness; we long for freedom from everything that holds us back from God and the new life God promises. That is what the ministry of this church is about: walking with God on our long journey, remembering God's goodness each step of the way, feeling God's presence with us. Let us offer our tithes and offerings to God in gratitude, praise, and prayer.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All:** *Creator God, you have made us in your image to reflect your goodness. You have called us to use our gifts to build your kingdom. As we worship this day, we seek to reflect your creative image. As we seek your wisdom through scripture and song, use these tithes and offering to your glory, and for the building up of the people we serve. In the name of Christ and through the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.*

### HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God* (All verses)

Hymnal, #72

### BENEDICTION & BLESSING<sup>6</sup>

Pastor: Go forth singing God's praises,  
remembering God's promises and blessings.  
Joyfully give back to the world  
the love you have received  
believing that God loves all creation  
and abides with us.

**All:** *Amen.*

### POSTLUDE

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<sup>6</sup> The Benediction was written by Henrietta Stith Andrews and is posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-23.html>. Permission granted for use.

# How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD Irregular with Refrain  
Swedish Folk Melody  
Arr. by MANNA MUSIC, INC.

CARL BOBERG, 1859-1940  
Trans. by STUART K. HINE, 1899-

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 - tie 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

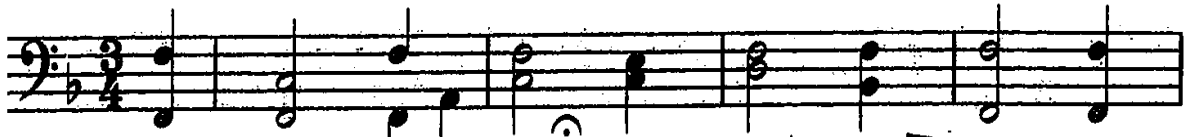
soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; How great thou art, how great thou art!

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# Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and  
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.  
in the veil, a life of joy and peace.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

