

Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic

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John Rudy Park

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**GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us  
day by day and year by year,

**Congregation: We give you, our thanks.**

Pastor: For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests,  
coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,  
For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,  
For needs met and desires fulfilled,

**Congregation: We give you, our thanks.**

Pastor: For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,  
For homes which supply shelter, which nurture  
order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

**Congregation: We give you, our thanks.**

Pastor: With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,  
With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,  
With music which declares your everlasting goodness,  
With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

**Congregation: We worship you, with joy.**

Pastor: With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,  
With words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,  
With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community,  
With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

**Congregation: We worship you, with joy.**

Pastor: With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,  
With deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger,  
With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,  
With family and friends distant and nearby,

**Congregation: We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.**

**All: ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

**HYMN**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell<sup>1</sup>*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION** (Based on Romans 5:8 and Hebrews 4:16)

Pastor: My sisters and brothers in Christ, scripture tells us that "The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence." Therefore, let us confess our sin of ingratitude before God and one another.

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<sup>1</sup> Kethe, William. CCLI #6102100

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All: O God, so often we take you for granted. We take for granted that you will answer our prayers, that you will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that you love us. Forgive us for not appreciating your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see you in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Based on Ezekiel 36:26)

Pastor: God says, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove your heart of stone and give you a tender, responsive heart."

*All: Praise be to God for forgiveness and new beginnings.*

## A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*<sup>2</sup>

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OLD TESTAMENT READING - Exodus 3-4

Mr. Tom Brenner

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Bair

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All: Eternal God, who holds our time in your hand,  
Who made us in your image,  
Who while we were yet sinners sent Jesus Christ to live amongst us,  
and die on the cross to free us from sin and death,  
Who when Jesus rose and ascended to heaven,  
sent your Spirit to be our Counselor and Comforter.  
We proclaim your faithfulness  
and thank you for your steadfast love.*

One Side: Faithful God,  
We look back remember and thank you for all you've done in the past.  
You knitted us together in our mother's womb.  
You have guided our steps all our lives -  
always calling us to come and follow Jesus.  
You have met with us and saved us.  
You walk through the sunny days and  
deep dark shadows that make up our lives.  
You empower us to live love and witness to you.  
We thank you for the people who have inspired us  
and helped us grow in you.

We thank you for the people who lead us into service and remind us to love.

Other side: Living God,  
We thank you for your Presence and work in our lives today – and not just in the past.  
Today we are made new because of what you have done for us.  
Today you are teaching and leading us.  
You are calling us to be closer and closer to you.  
You are calling us to maturity in Christ Jesus.  
You strengthen and encourage us.  
You invite us to seek justice and to be your witnesses.

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<sup>2</sup> Hine, Stewart. CCLI #14181

*All: O God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end,  
 You have our future in your hands.  
 Our tomorrow with all its potential,  
 Our next step, our next sunrise and sunset.  
 You will lead us all our days,  
 As you work your plans out in our lives.  
 As you call us to continue to grow and to serve,  
 You have our eternity in your hands.  
 And, we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.  
 You have been faithful in the past and you are faithful today.  
 And you never change - so we trust you with our future.  
 Forgive us for our sins.  
 Fill us afresh with your spirit.  
 Equip us to serve you faithfully into the future -  
 To proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ with holy boldness. Amen.*

**ANTHEM**

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

**Chancel Choir**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Liturgist: And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us joyfully offer our time, our treasure, our commitment, our prayers.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*All: God, thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU – for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gift of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might 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 the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying: 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 us 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.*

**HYMN**

*Here I Am, Lord<sup>3</sup>*

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**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: As our time our worship concludes, our time of service begins.

**Congregation: We return to our living and working amidst a world of need.**

Pastor: As you go from this place, go with a heart filled with gratitude and carry with you the knowledge that you are recipients of God’s gifts.

**Congregation: We vow to be generous in sharing those gifts with the world around us.**

Pastor: May you feel the Presence of God walking with you as you travel life’s road, now and forevermore.

*All: Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

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<sup>3</sup> Schutte, Dan. CCLI#346976

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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William Kethe, 1561

Ps. 100

Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
2 Know that there is one God, in - deed, who  
3 En - ter the sa - cred gates with praise, with  
4 Pro - claim a - gain that God is good, whose

out your faith with cheer - ful voice; De - light in God whose  
fash - ions us with - out our aid, Who claims us, gives us  
joy ap - proach the tem - ple walls. Ex - tol and bless our  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure, Whose truth at all times

praise you tell, whose pres - ence calls you to re - jice.  
all we need, whose ten - der care will nev - er fade.  
God al - ways as peo - ple whom the Spir - it calls.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

# How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD Irregular with Refrain  
Swedish Folk Melody

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

Arr. by MANNA MUSIC, INC.

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; Then sings my  
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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THE PRAISE OF GOD

# HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

## Verses



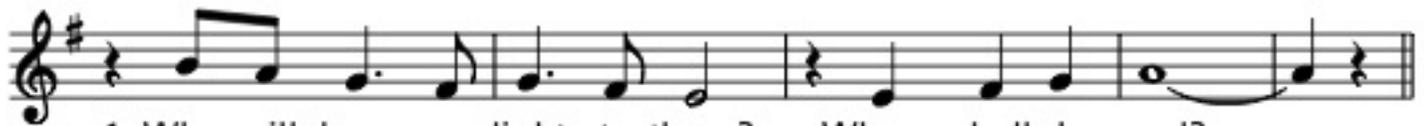
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who  
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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