

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE  
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mr. Cody Eckenrode, Minister of Music**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 63:1-8)

Pastor: O God, you are our God, and we will worship you.

Our hearts long for you,  
as they would yearn for a stream, in a scorching desert.

**All: *We see your power and glory in this sanctuary -  
in all the places, where we worship.***

Pastor: Your love means more than life to us, and we praise you.  
As long as we live, we will pray to you.

**All: *We will sing joyful praise and be filled with excitement,  
like a guest at a banquet.***

Pastor: We think about you, God, before we go to sleep,  
and our thoughts turn to you during the night.

**All: *You have helped us!  
We will sing happy songs in the shadow of your wings.  
We will stay close to you  
and allow your powerful arms to support us.***

**HYMN**

*Step by Step*<sup>1</sup>

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

**All: *God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still, we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us.  
God has promised to be with us throughout all generations.

**All: *Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!***

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**A SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

<sup>1</sup> David (Beaker) Strasser. CCLI Song #696994.

<sup>2</sup> Bartlett, Laura J. Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction have all been adapted from the "Worship Elements: August 30, 2020" resource from the Ministry Matters Worship website. Material accessed September 7, 2022.

<<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5329/worship-elements-september-3-2017>>

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Jesus Loves Me*<sup>3</sup>

**JAM Children  
Worship in Song and Motion**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 7-10 (Overview)**

**SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Laura C. Baker**

**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**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*<sup>4</sup> (Larson)

**Chancel Choir**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Liturgist: This is the challenge and the promise of God; it will not always be *this* way. What is - can end. Those who know only tears can smile. Those who are hungry can be fed. Those who are homeless can be housed. Those who are lonely can be neighbors. Those who are enslaved can be set free. Those who are greedy can be content and generous. Your gifts of time, talent, and money make this possible. Let us be the generous people, God calls us to be and may we offer it all with a prayer.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*All: Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen.*

**HYMN**

*He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*<sup>5</sup>

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**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God promised to be with Moses and to free the Israelites from slavery, and we are here to witness to the fulfillment of that promise. From generation to generation, the God of Israel is also the God of Starview United Church of Christ. The God who calls you to keep your eyes on the Promised Land, is waiting even now to encounter you, call you, challenge you, and change you. Go forth, to be sustained and surprised by the love of God.

All: Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

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<sup>3</sup> Warner, Anna B., Philip Percival, William Batchelder Bradbury. CCLI SONG #4771887.

<sup>4</sup> Larson, Lloyd. Ludwig van Beethoven, Henry Van Dyke. CCLI SONG # 4529266

<sup>5</sup> Public Domain. CCLI Song # 2791632.

*Descants*

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D/F# D C/E C/D D

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G Dsus7 D7 G D/F# D C/E C/D D

you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

G Em Dsus D

you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead

C Am7 G

learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead

me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

D/F# D C/E Dsus7 D7 G

me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.

# He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



1 He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the



whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world



in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

5 He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

6 He's got everybody here in his hands. . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.