

# Worshiping Our God, The One and The Only!

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MAY 17, 2020  
10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** *Joie et Clarte des Corps Glorieux (Joy and Splendor of the Resurrected)*

Olivier Messiaen

Matthew 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father.

Dennis Bergin, organ

**WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *God of gods, We Sound His Praises!*

Prudence Barker, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Carrie Smith, piano

God of gods, we sound his praises, highest heav'n its homage brings;  
Earth and all creation raises glory to the King of kings.  
Holy, holy, holy, name him, Lord of all his hosts proclaim him,  
To the everlasting Father every tongue in triumph sings.

Christians in their hearts enthrone him, tell his praises wide abroad;  
Prophets, priests, apostles own him, martyrs' crown and saints' reward.  
Three in one his glory sharing, earth and heav'n his praise declaring,  
Praise the high majestic Father, praise the everlasting LORD.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 148

Reverend Bill Myers

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD!**

Pastor: For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

**People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Pastor: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

**People: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

**People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

Pastor: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

**\*WE PRAISE THE LORD!**

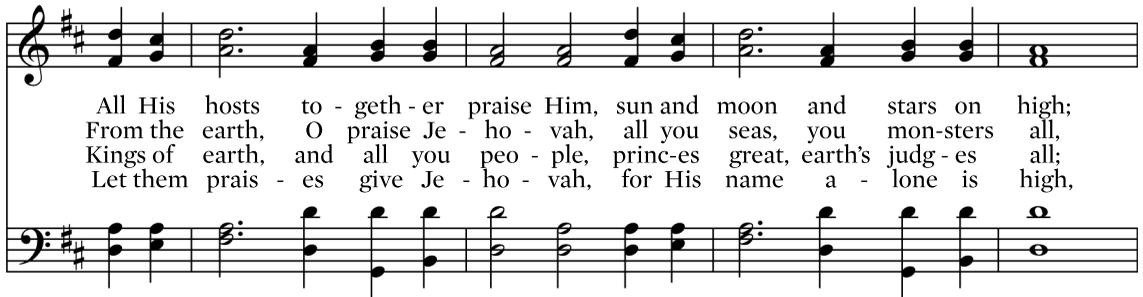
## *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*



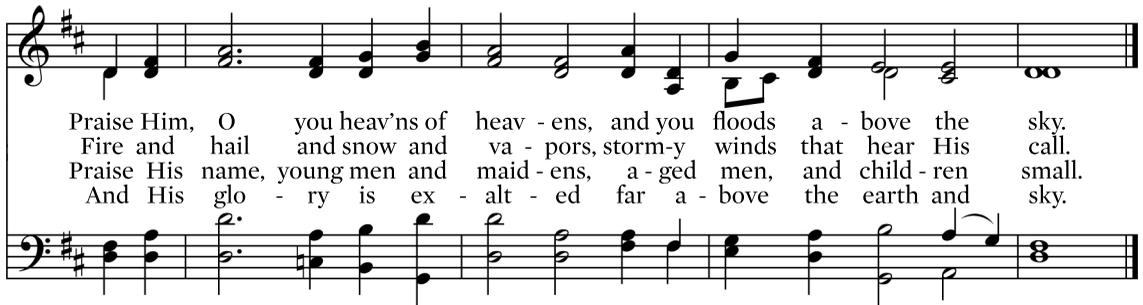
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, from the heav - ens praise His name;  
2. Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, they were made at His com - mand;  
3. All you fruit - ful trees and ce - dars, all you hills and moun - tains high,  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, from the heav - ens praise His name;



Praise Je - ho - vah in the high - est, all His an - gels, praise pro - claim.  
Them for - ev - er He es - tab - lished, His de - cree shall ev - er stand,  
Creep - ing things and beasts and cat - tle, birds that in the heav - ens fly,  
Praise Je - ho - vah in the high - est, all His an - gels, praise pro - claim.



All His hosts to - geth - er praise Him, sun and moon and stars on high;  
From the earth, O praise Je - ho - vah, all you seas, you mon - sters all,  
Kings of earth, and all you peo - ple, princ - es great, earth's judg - es all;  
Let them prais - es give Je - ho - vah, for His name a - lone is high,



Praise Him, O you heav'ns of heav - ens, and you floods a - bove the sky.  
Fire and hail and snow and va - pors, storm - y winds that hear His call.  
Praise His name, young men and maid - ens, a - ged men, and child - ren small.  
And His glo - ry is ex - alt - ed far a - bove the earth and sky.

Words: Bible Songs Hymnal, 1927; Music: RIPLEY; Gregorian chant; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839.

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Romans 1:19-23

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

What can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Romans 3:22b-26

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**\*WE THINK THAT GOD, HIS SON NOT SPARING!**

GOD:

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# How Great Thou Art

*Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1*

Capo 1: B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E $\flat$ (D)

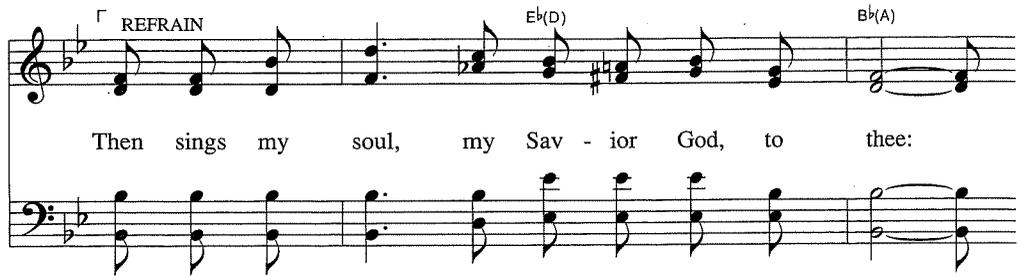
I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

B $\flat$ /F(A/E) F(E) B $\flat$ (A)

thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin,  
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

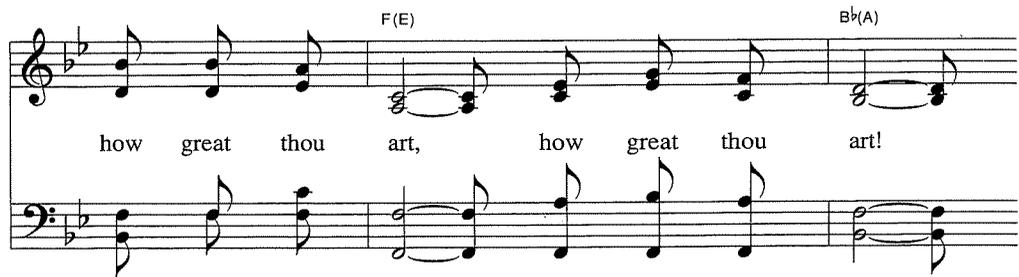
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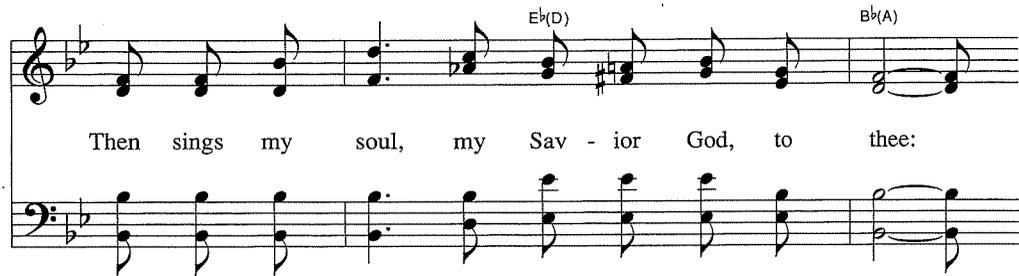
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

F(E) Bb(A)



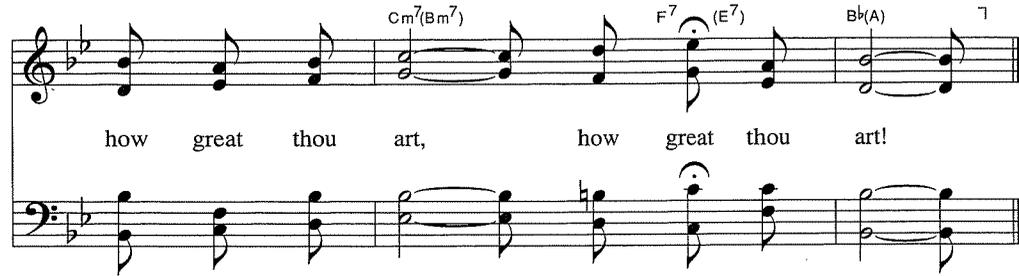
how great thou art, how great thou art!

Eb(D) Bb(A)



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:

Cm<sup>7</sup>(Bm<sup>7</sup>) F<sup>7</sup> (E<sup>7</sup>) Bb(A) 7



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Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

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Swedish folk melody,  
Arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

The author's original words for "worlds" and "rolling" in st. 1 are "works" and "mighty."  
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**GOD REVEALS FALSE GODS MADE BY MAN!** Isaiah 44:12-20; Psalm 115:4-8

Pastor: The ironsmith takes a cutting tool and works it over the coals. He fashions it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He becomes hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water and is faint.

**People: The carpenter stretches a line; he marks it out with a pencil. He shapes it with planes and marks it with a compass. He shapes it into the figure of a man, with the beauty of a man, to dwell in a house.**

Pastor: He cuts down cedars, or he chooses a cypress tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it. Then it becomes fuel for a man. He takes a part of it and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread.

**People: Also he makes a god and worships it; he makes it an idol and falls down before it.**

Pastor: Half of it he burns in the fire. Over the half he eats meat; he roasts it and is satisfied. Also he warms himself and says, "Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire!"

**People: And the rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, and falls down to it and worships it. He prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"**

Pastor: They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, "Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination?

**People: Shall I fall down before a block of wood?"**

Pastor: He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

**People: Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.**

Pastor: They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

**People: They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.**

Pastor: They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.

**All: Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.**

**\*WE COME AND BEHOLD, THE ONE AND THE ONLY!**

Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

# Only a Holy God

INTRO



VERSE



1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like
4. Who else could res - cue me from my



heav - en? Who else could make ev - ry king bow down?  
prais - es? What oth - er splen - dor out-shines the sun?  
fi - re? What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
fail - ing? Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?



Who else can whis - per and dark-ness trem-bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
What oth-er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
What oth-er name re-mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
Who else in- vites me to call Him Fa-ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.

CHORUS



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** 1 Chronicles 16:8, 25-26

Reverend Bill Myers

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**\*WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *Holy*

Kyrstan Brantley and Shelly Hannaford

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy LORD.

Holy God of power, Holy God of might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy LORD.

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**\*GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor  
**SERMON SERIES** “Acts”  
**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Acts 17:22-34  
**SERMON TITLE** *Making the Unknown Known*

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;  
as even some of your own poets have said,  
“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” <sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

# *Let Your Kingdom Come*

VERSE



1. Your glo-ri-ous cause, O God, en-gag-es our hearts.  
2. Give us Your strength, O God, and cour-age to speak.



May Je - sus Christ be known wher - ev - er we are.  
Per-form Your won-drous deeds through those who are weak.



We ask not for our-selves, but for Your re - nown.  
Lord, use us as You want, what-ev - er the test.



The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your king - dom come."  
By grace we'll preach Your Gos-pel till our dy - ing breath.

CHORUS

Let Your king - dom come, let Your will be done, so that  
ev - 'ry one might know Your Name. Let Your  
song be heard ev - 'ry - where on earth, till Your sov - 'reign work  
on earth is done. Let Your king - dom come.

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Let Your Kingdom Come*

# ***Making the Unknown Known***

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Acts 17:22-34

Who is this “Unknown God?”

1. God is the Sovereign of the World.

A. He Created the World

B. He Rules the World

2. God is the Judge of the Nations.

A. He Rebukes the Nations

B. He Warns the Nations

\*Congregation please rise

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