

# Worshiping Our Sovereign God!

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10:30 AM

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**PRELUDE** *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless)* J. S. Bach  
Dennis Bergin, organ

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. John 1:29, I Peter 1:19

O Lamb of God, pure, spotless, who on the Cross didst languish,  
Who suffered man's unkindness, and knew the bitt' rest anguish,  
Our sin Thou bearest for us, else hell had triumphed o'er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesu!  
Nikolaus Decius, 1531; translated Catharine Winkworth, 1865

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Amid the Fears That Oppress Our Day*  
Rachel DeGroot, soprano; Kyrstan Brantley, alto; Rod Cunningham, tenor; Brian Roby, bass;  
Carrie Smith, piano

Amid the fears that oppress our day, across the clouds that obscure our way,  
One golden truth sheds its shining ray – our God is sovereign still.

Though wars may rise, and though kingdoms fall,  
Though ills may threaten, and fears enthrall,  
Our God still lives, and he hears our call – our God is sovereign still.

His holy purpose unchanging stands, the stars still turn at their Lord's commands;  
He holds the world in his mighty hands – our God is sovereign still!  
Our God is sovereign still!

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 47: 1-7

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**People: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!**

Pastor: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

**\*WE SING PRAISES TO OUR SOVEREIGN KING!**

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**O Worship the King**

*All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10*

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104  
Robert Grant, 1833  
Mod.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.  
Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806  
Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## **\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

### **GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** James 4:13-16

Andy Iversen, Adult Education Director

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

## **WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

### **CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Proverbs 3:5-8; 1 Peter 2:24

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

**\*OUR SOVEREIGN DIED FOR SUCH A WORM AS I!**

Bill Myers, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Matt Wightman, drums

*Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed*

1. A - las, and did my Sav - ior bleed and did my Sov - reign die?  
2. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut his glo - ries in,  
Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?  
when Christ, the might - y Ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.  
Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears.  
A - maz - ing pi - ty, grace un - known and love be - yond de - gree.  
Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and melt my eyes to tears.  
My God, why would you shed your blood so pure and un - de - filed  
to make a sin - ful one like me your cho - sen pre - cious child?

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**\*GOD REVEALS, HIS SOVEREIGN & PROVIDENTIAL CARE!**

Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English 2:2; 5:1

Pastor: God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; he alone is in and to himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, to, and upon them.

People: **He is the only fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things, and he has complete sovereign dominion over them, to do through them, for them, or upon them whatever pleases him.**

Pastor: In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, unerring, and independent of the creature, so that nothing is contingent or uncertain to him.

People: **He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands.**

Pastor: To him is due, from angels, mankind and every other creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience God is pleased to require of them.

People: **God the great Creator of all things upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his certain foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

**\*THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE!**

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**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.  
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Psalm 121:1-2

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *Clap Your Hands*

Rachel DeGroot, Kyrstan Brantley, Rod Cunningham, Brian Roby, vocalists;

Nathanael Zanders, congas

Clap your hands, all ye people, clap your hands to the Lord most high;  
Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with a voice of joy.

Chorus: Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high;  
Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.  
Sing, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord; sing praises to His name.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
Sing of His glory, of His glory. (Round) (Chorus)

Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high;  
Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.

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**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** Andy Iversen, Adult Education Director  
**SERMON SERIES** “Proverbs: Short Sentences, Long Remembered”  
**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Proverbs 16:1-3, 9  
**SERMON TITLE** *Man Proposes, God Disposes*

- <sup>1</sup> The plans of the heart belong to man,  
but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,  
but the Lord weighs the spirit.
- <sup>3</sup> Commit your work to the Lord,  
and your plans will be established.
- <sup>9</sup> The heart of man plans his way,  
but the Lord establishes his steps.

**\*WE ARE HELD IN YOUR SECURE EMBRACE!**

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**O Father, You Are Sovereign**

*The Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27*

1. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;  
2. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;  
3. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,  
4. O Fa-ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.  
no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.  
trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.  
but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,  
All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,  
All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,  
With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982

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Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Reprise: O Father, You Are Sovereign*

# ***Man Proposes, God Disposes***

Andy Iversen, Adult Education Director

Proverbs 16:1-3, 9

Because God's providence is wise and holy, we must walk in his ways.

1. We must walk in his ways in light of what's revealed.

2. We must walk in his ways in spite of what's concealed.

\*Congregation please rise

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