

Reflection

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
Psalm 20:7 (ESV)*

Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Psalm 23:4

You are a great and mighty God—
worthy of all praise and honor!
With joy and gladness,
we worship Your Name.

Knowing that you are unchanging,
and forever the one true God:

**We praise you for your abounding greatness.
Through the valley of the shadows, we praise you.
On the top of the highest mountain, we praise you.**

Because you alone are worthy, we praise you!

Our Sung Call to Worship

How Great Is our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice. (Chorus)

Chorus

**How great is our God, sing with me,
How great is our God, and all will see,
How great, how great is our God.**

Verse 2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
(Chorus)

Bridge

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing
How great is our God. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Inspired by Isaiah 31, 32

We confess that we have relied on the flesh
and not on You.

We have refused you as our refuge
and disregarded your love as if it meant nothing.

**Oh gracious and loving God,
knowing that you are eager to forgive,
we come before you with our faces to the ground,
and with repentant hearts,
we admit to you the sins that we have committed.**

Time of silent confession.

Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Romans 10:9

God loved us so much that he has given us the gift of salvation
through his Son, Jesus Christ.

**Thank you, God, for sending your Son
to take the wrath that we deserve.**

“Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,
you will be saved.”

**Jesus, we believe in your holy name!
Jesus, you did rise from the dead!
Jesus, you are LORD!**

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

Rock of Ages

Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow,
This for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand. (Chorus)

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Verse 3

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives! Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus)

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Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;
That the Light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Verse 2

Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Verse 3

Speak, O Lord and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.
On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.
You may give electronically at gabcames.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 32:1-20 (ESV)

¹Behold, a king will reign in righteousness,
and princes will rule in justice.

²Each will be like a hiding place from the wind,
a shelter from the storm,

- like streams of water in a dry place,
like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.
- ³ Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed,
and the ears of those who hear will give
attention.
- ⁴ The heart of the hasty will understand and know,
and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to
speak distinctly.
- ⁵ The fool will no more be called noble,
nor the scoundrel said to be honorable.
- ⁶ For the fool speaks folly, and his heart is busy
with iniquity, to practice ungodliness,
to utter error concerning the LORD,
to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied,
and to deprive the thirsty of drink.
- ⁷ As for the scoundrel—his devices are evil;
he plans wicked schemes to ruin the poor with
lying words, even when the plea of the needy is
right.
- ⁸ But he who is noble plans noble things,
and on noble things he stands.
- ⁹ Rise up, you women who are at ease, hear my
voice; you complacent daughters, give ear to my
speech.
- ¹⁰ In little more than a year you will shudder, you
complacent women; for the grape harvest fails,
the fruit harvest will not come.
- ¹¹ Tremble, you women who are at ease,
shudder, you complacent ones;
strip, and make yourselves bare,
and tie sackcloth around your waist.
- ¹² Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields,
for the fruitful vine,
- ¹³ for the soil of my people
growing up in thorns and briers,
yes, for all the joyous houses
in the exultant city.
- ¹⁴ For the palace is forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,
a joy of wild donkeys,
a pasture of flocks;
- ¹⁵ until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
- ¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness,
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
- ¹⁷ And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and
trust forever.
- ¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
- ¹⁹ And it will hail when the forest falls down,
and the city will be utterly laid low.
- ²⁰ Happy are you who sow beside all waters,
who let the feet of the ox and the donkey range
free.

This is the word of the Lord.
**The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Isaiah 31 & 32 – The Battle For Faith – Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in both song and spoken word.

Sending Song

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

Chorus

**Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come, let us adore Him!**

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! (Chorus)

Bridge

You will reign forever. (Let your glory fill the earth.)
You will reign forever. (Let your glory fill the earth.)
You will reign forever. (Let your glory fill the earth.)
You will reign forever. (Chorus)

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Blessing

Be a light to this world
and exemplify Christ
in thought, word, and action.

As one spirit, one body, and one church—we go.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Isaiah 33-35