Reflection

When pride replaces humility, self-satisfaction replaces concern for others, and works replace faith then the die is cast and the kingdom is doomed. When the word of God is met with smugness instead of tears and prayer, the word proves its [resoluteness] and accomplishes its grim purposes.

Alec Moyter

Call To Worship

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

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Great is the Lord!

His goodness is everlasting!

Majestic is the one seated on high!

His glory fills the earth!

The Lord is worthy of all praise!

Together with all the saints from all nations we give praises to the Lord today, waiting for the day when we will praise his name throughout all eternity.

Our Sung Call to Worship
How Great Thou Art
Verse 1
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. (Chorus)

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Verse 2

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

Verse 3

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! (Chorus)

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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

We have sinned.

We have thought maliciously, acted pridefully, and lived for our own sinful desires.

We have sinned.

We have turned from your ways and from your truth.

We have wronged those who acted against us
and have not forgiven them in our hearts.

Hear our confession, our sins, and faults, and forgive us, O Lord.

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

Based on 1 John 2:1

If we have sinned,

how can we enter into the presence of God? If we have fled into the darkness,

how can we find the light?

It is through the love of Jesus our Redeemer!

In him, we have an advocate with the Father:

by his death, he gives us life,

by his sacrifice, we may enter the throne room of God,

righteous in his sight.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance There is One Gospel (Distribution Song)

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand for all eternity.

It is my story, my Father's plan, the Son has rescued me.

Oh, what a Gospel, oh what a peace.

My highest joy and my deepest need.

Now and forever, He is my light.

I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling, all else I count as loss.

For there, where justice and mercy meet, He saved me on the cross.

No more I boast in what I can bring,

no more I carry the weight of sin.

For He has brought me from death to life.

I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found, the empty tomb still speaks. For death could not keep my Saviour down, He lives and I am free. Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His hope is mine. For He has promised I too will rise. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 4

And in this Gospel, the church is one, we do not walk alone. We have His Spirit as we press on to lead us safely home. And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me. Praise to my Saviour, the King of life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ending

And when in glory still I will sing of this old story that rescued me. Praise to my Saviour, the King of life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise to my Saviour, the King of life. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are the days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer—
though I fall His love is sure!
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore!

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley, I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted—Christ completes His work in me.

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way.

One with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.

But mine is armour for this battle, strong enough to last the war.

And He has said He will deliver

safely to the golden shore.

Refrain

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King, I walk. For there, my heart has found its treasure— Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward! Fear is gone, and hope is sure— Christ is mine forevermore. (Repeat)

Endina

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King, I walk. For there, my heart has found its treasure— Christ is mine forevermore.

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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.

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

2 Chronicles 32:27-31 & Isaiah 39 (CSB)

²⁷ Hezekiah had abundant riches and glory, and he made himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields, and every desirable item. ²⁸ He made warehouses for the harvest of grain, new wine, and fresh oil, and stalls for all kinds of cattle, and pens for flocks. ²⁹ He made cities for himself, and he acquired vast numbers of flocks and herds, for God gave him abundant possessions.

³⁰ This same Hezekiah blocked the upper outlet of the water from the Gihon Spring and channeled it smoothly downward and westward to the city of David. Hezekiah succeeded in everything he did. ³¹ When the ambassadors of Babylon's rulers were sent to him to inquire about the miraculous sign that happened in the land. God left him to test him and discover what was in his heart.

¹At that time Merodach-baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah since he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. ² Hezekiah was pleased with the letters, and he showed the envoys his treasure house—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the precious oil—and all his armory, and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his palace and in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.

³Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah and asked him, "What did these men say, and where did they come to you from?"

Hezekiah replied, "They came to me from a distant country, from Babylon."

⁴ Isaiah asked, "What have they seen in your palace?"

Hezekiah answered, "They have seen everything in my palace. There isn't anything in my treasuries that I

didn't show them."

⁵Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of Armies: ⁶ Look, the days are coming when everything in your palace and all that your predecessors have stored up until today will be carried off to Babylon; nothing will be left,' says the LORD. ⁷ Some of your descendants—who come from you, whom you father—will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good," for he thought: There will be peace and security during my lifetime.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

2 Chronicles 32:27-31 & Isaiah 39 – Heart Test – 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 spoken word.

Blessing

Based on Psalm 115:1

As we live on this earth for a short while,

let our hearts forever say,

"Not to us, Lord, not to us, but your name give glory."

Scripture passage for next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-11