

### **Pre-service Song**

**How Great is the Greatness of God**

**Chorus:**

**How faithful the Father above.**

**How wondrous the work of the Son.**

**How sweet is the Spirit given to us.**

**How great is the greatness of God.**

Morning by morning with ev'ry dawn  
my soul with a new song awaits.  
Still in the evening my praise goes on.  
Forever my God is the same. (Chorus)

When my heart gazes on Calvary,  
at all of your mercies arrayed,  
oh, that my Savior would die for me,  
I sing out with infinite thanks. (Chorus)

Oh, what a comfort in ev'ry trial;  
his presence is all that I need.  
Power that brought resurrection life,  
that power is living in me.  
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**How great is the greatness of God. (Repeat)**

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### **Call To Worship**

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

### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*Psalm 95:1-7 (ESV)*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
**In his hand are the depths of the earth;**  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**  
**The sea is his, for he made it,**  
**and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture,**

and the sheep of his hand.

**Our Sung Call to Worship**

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**Confession**

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

**Our Spoken Confession**

*2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (ESV)*

Hear the Word of the Lord:

What agreement has the temple of God with idols?  
For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

**“I will make my dwelling among them  
and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.  
Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;  
then I will welcome you,  
and I will be a father to you,**

**and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”**

Since we have these promises, beloved,  
let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit,  
bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

**Forgive our sins, Father,  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and cleanse us from every impurity of the flesh and spirit  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

*Time of silent confession.*

**Our Sung Confession**

**Good and Gracious King**

I approach the throne of glory,  
Nothing in my hands I bring  
But the promise of acceptance,  
From a good and gracious King.

I will give to you my burden  
As you give to me your strength,  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit  
As I sing to you this praise.

**Chorus**

**You deserve the greater glory!  
Overcome I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing,  
Empty handed I rejoice.  
You deserve the greater glory!  
Overcome with joy I sing!  
By your love I am accepted.  
You're a good and gracious King.**

O, what grace that you would see me  
As your child and as your friend.  
Safe, secure in you forever,  
I pour out my praise again. (Chorus)

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty!  
Good and gracious, good and gracious!  
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty!  
Good and gracious King! (Repeat)

**Chorus**

**You deserve the greater glory!  
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### **Assurance and Peace**

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

### **Remember the Gospel**

*Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 (ESV)*

Remember the Gospel!

If God is for us, who can be against us?

**He who did not spare his own Son  
but gave him up for us all,  
how will he not also with him  
graciously give us all things?**

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

**It is God who justifies.**

Who is to condemn?

**Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that,  
who was raised—who is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed is interceding for us.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,  
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

**For I am sure that neither death nor life,  
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### **Our Sung Profession of Assurance**

#### **Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are 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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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 [gabcame.org/giving/](http://gabcame.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 Corinthians 4:16-5:11 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim

to please him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:11 – “The King’s Commission in Light of Eternity” – 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**

#### **By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation’s grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

#### **Chorus**

We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.  
’Til the race is finished and the work is done,  
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed for Messiah would appear  
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev’ry corner of the earth. (Chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved,  
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible,  
To all who call upon His name. (Chorus)

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### **Blessing**

*2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**Amen.**

Scripture text for next Sunday: 2 Corinthians 5:11-14