

Pre-service Song

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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

Psalms 46:1-3, 8-11 (ESV)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear
though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved
into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth,
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Our Sung Call to Worship

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable;
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name.
You are amazing God;
All powerful, untamable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom.

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Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name.
You are amazing, God;
Incomparable, unchangeable;
You see the depths of my heart
and You love me the same.
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and You love us the same.
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Confession

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

Our Spoken Confession

Romans 7:18-25 (ESV)

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.
For I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out.

**For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.
Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it,
but sin that dwells within me.**

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right,
evil lies close at hand.
For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,
but I see in my members another law waging war
against the law of my mind and making me captive
to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

**Wretched man that I am!
Who can deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind,
but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Rock of Ages

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.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
These for sin could not atone
Thou must save and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine 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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Assurance and Peace

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

Remember the Gospel

John 3:16-18 (ESV)

Remember the Gospel!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life.

**For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Whoever believes in him is not condemned,
but whoever does not believe is condemned already,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance

How Great Thou Art

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 thro'out the universe displayed.

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!**

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Chorus)

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)

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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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.

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Scripture Reading

Psalms 50 (ESV)

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
- ⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge! *Selah*
- ⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- ⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- ¹²"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
- ¹⁶But to the wicked God says:
"What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?
- ¹⁷For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.
- ¹⁸If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.
- ¹⁹"You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.
- ²⁰You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother's son.
- ²¹These things you have done,
and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge
before you.
- ²²"Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart, and there be none
to deliver!
- ²³The one who offers thanksgiving

as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!"

This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Psalms 50 (ESV) - "The Well-Ordered Life" - Pastor Dean VanEvery

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.

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Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,

by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 51