

Liturgy for Corporate Worship

The Lord's Day

September 27, 2020

Prelude

Melody Morris

Introit

Sue Lechota

Spirit of the Living God

Call to Worship

Deuteronomy 10:17a

Hymn 250

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

**We have sinned against you, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you--
Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in Him Who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:6-8

The Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Bob Stephens

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Unison Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Special Music

Vocal Ensemble

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 446

Be Thou My Vision

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Psalm 65

Hymn 343

What Wondrous Love is This?

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Melody Morris

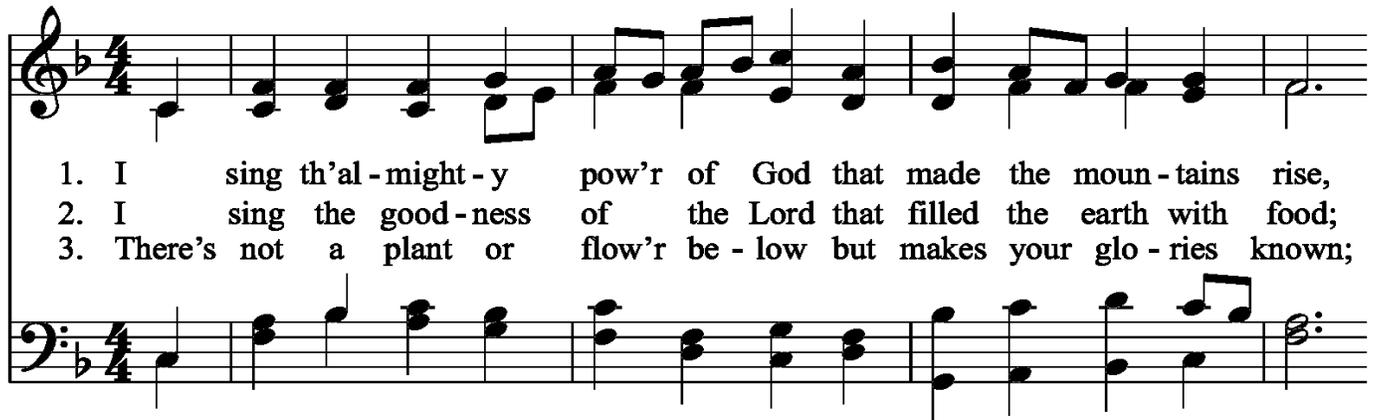
Our Prayer of Confession was adapted from a prayer by Matthew Henry.

Featured Element of Worship: Be Thou My Vision

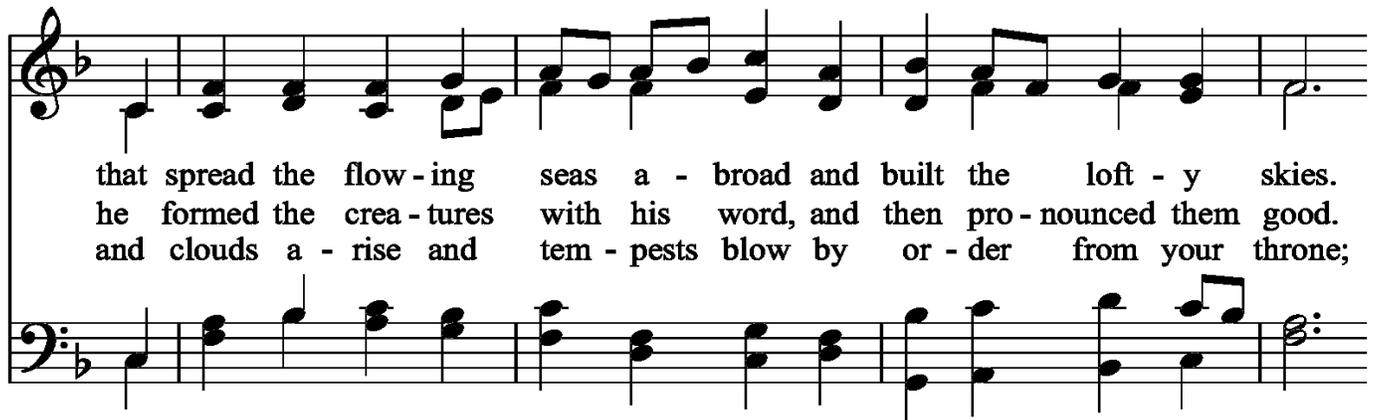
This morning we are singing the hymn, "Be Thou My Vision." It is one of the best known and most beloved ancient hymns still commonly sung today. It is impossible to have definite knowledge of the hymn's original writer. It dates back at least to 8th century Ireland, though some have suggested that it might have originally been penned by the 6th century Irish poet, Dallan Forgaill. It was first translated into English in 1905 by Mary Byrne, and then seven years later further translated by Eleanor Hull. Another seven years later it was set to the Irish folk tune "Slane," providing us with the version of the hymn we sing today.

As Zac Hicks notes, "What we can discern is that our ancient Irish brothers and sisters had a very holistic spirituality, and this song exemplifies this in desiring God to be in and around everything that we do, anywhere we are. God is personified as our 'Vision,' the idea being that He is at the forefront of all of our thoughts and actions. Everywhere we go, and in everything we do, He is there!" Let us join with our brothers and sisters spanning the globe from throughout the centuries in rejoicing in this truth!

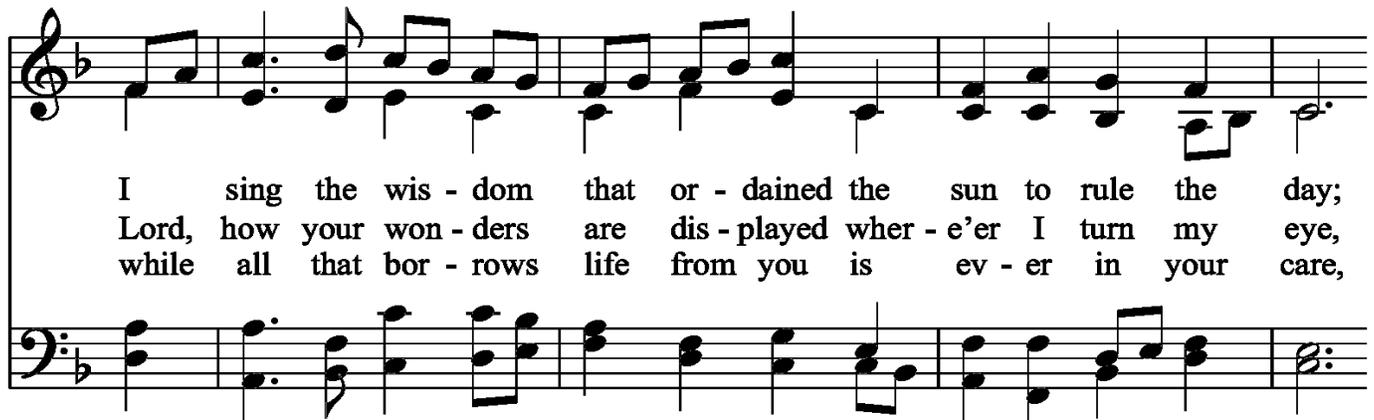
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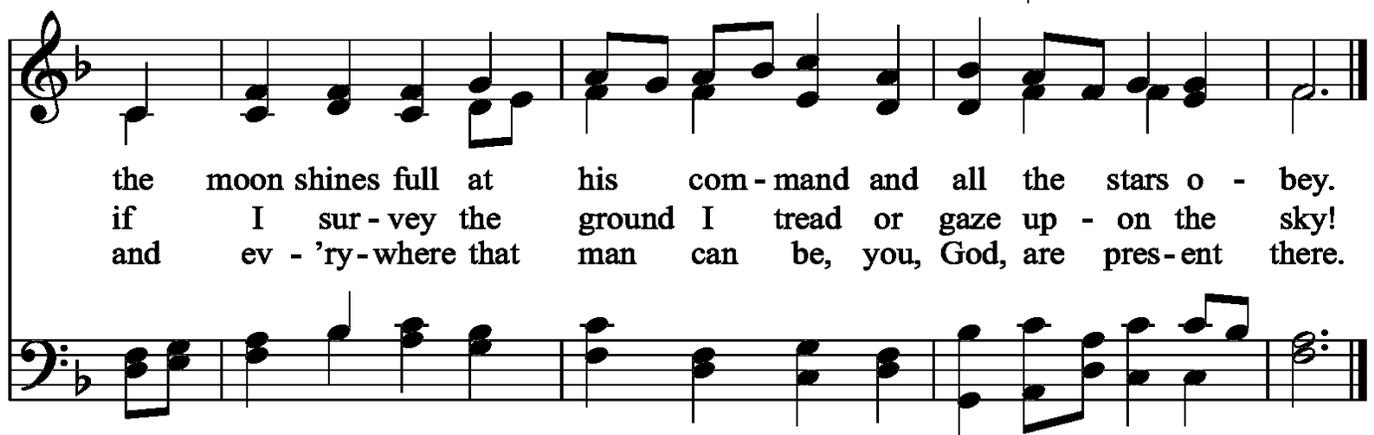
1. I sing th'al-might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-'ry-where that man can be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Unison Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons^[a] of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

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1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 down be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

American folk hymn

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12.9.6.6.12.9.
 William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Sermon Text: Psalm 65 (ESV)

65 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

² O you who hear prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

³ When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and
bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with
righteousness,

O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

⁶ the one who by his strength established
the mountains,

being girded with might;
⁷ who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

⁸ so that those who dwell at the ends of

the earth are in awe at your signs.

You make the going out of the morning
and the evening to shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,

for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,

softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with
abundance.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness
overflow,

the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with
flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with
grain,

they shout and sing together for joy.