

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
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## Gathering

### Prelude

Fantasy on the hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*

P. Post

### Greeting and Announcements

### Call to Worship

*From the distant galaxies to the invisible atom,  
from the highest of mountains to the depths of the sea,  
you, O God, created it all.*

**Thank you, Creator God.**

*As a baby in a manger born,  
a curious teenager,  
a courageous prophet,  
a wise teacher,  
and faithful friend,  
you, O God, have saved us all.*

**Thank you, Redeeming God.**

*For the inspiration of the scriptures,  
the whisper of creativity,  
and the empowerment of gifts,*

**thank you, O Sustaining God.**

*In your unity, diversity, divinity, and mystery,*

**we praise you, O Triune God.**

*Come, let us worship.*

### Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
through the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination

*Living God, you have led us to this place to be transformed by your love. Let us open ourselves through the power of your Spirit that our hearts and our lives may be transformed into the image of Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

## Scripture Reading – Psalm 29

(Sung Refrain)

**With joy the Lord of Hosts proclaim; extol the great almighty name.**

You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—  
give to the LORD glory and power!  
**Give to the LORD the glory due his name!**  
**Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!**

The LORD's voice is over the waters;  
the glorious God thunders;  
the LORD is over the mighty waters.

**The LORD's voice is strong;**  
**the LORD's voice is majestic.**

*(Refrain)*

The Lord's voice breaks cedar trees—  
yes, the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon jump around**  
**like a young bull,**  
**makes Sirion jump around**  
**like a young wild ox.**

The Lord's voice unleashes fiery flames;  
the Lord's voice shakes the wilderness—  
yes, the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The Lord's voice convulses the oaks,**  
**strips the forests bare,**  
**but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"**

*(Refrain)*

The Lord sits enthroned over the floodwaters;  
the Lord sits enthroned—king forever!

**Let the Lord give strength to his people!**  
**Let the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*(Refrain)*

## Prayers of the People

...*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Responsively

## 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,**  
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Song

*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in the light,  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And 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.

How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: how great is our God!

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How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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## Scripture Reading – Romans 8:12-17

**Response to the Scripture**     *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*     **Thanks be to God!**

## Anthem

*We Are Children of Our God*

M. Jochen

## Message

*The Three Who Are Above Me*

## Response

### Song of Response

*Glorify Thy Name*

2016

1. Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

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### Prayer of Confession

*In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.*

*In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

Silence is kept

### Invitation to Offering

*Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us. No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Let us give thanks to God, we are forgiven!*

### Anthem

*Worthy, Alleluia!*

R. E. Schram

### Doxology

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### Prayer of Dedication

*Holy God, above us, among us, within us: we rejoice this day that while you might have chosen to be unknown to us, you have revealed yourself in many ways. Each encounter with you calls us to return blessings with worship, compassion, and service. So, when we give this day, we do so in gratitude for all your parental care for us through your creation. When we give this day, we give because, in love, you gave us Christ, that through him we might find eternal life. When we give this day, your Spirit leads your church to reach out in compassion, mercy, and grace to all your children everywhere. In gratitude, we celebrate you, three and yet one. Amen.*

## Sending

### Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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## **Benediction Response**

*Spirit of the Living God/Send Us Out*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

You fill us up and you send us out.  
You fill us up and you send us out.  
You fill us up and you send us out.  
You fill us up and you send us out.

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## **Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

J. S. Bach

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