

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

### Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

D. Wood

### Greeting and Announcements

### Song

*Bless the Lord My Soul*

2013 (sung 3x)

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

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### Meditation for Gathering

#### Hymn

*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

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*(Vocalists only)*

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

*(Vocalists only)*

4. God of the hungry God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

**All:**

2. God of the earthquake God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

*(Men only)*

5. God of the neighbor God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

*(Women only)*

3. God the rainbow God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

**All:**

6. God of the ages God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

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## Proclamation

### Prayer for Illumination

*Your grace is near, O God, for you are the God of the storm.*

*You wait in silence for us until we are open to you. Tune us to hear your voice, to face your silence without fear.*

*Speak and bring to us our Savior, Jesus Christ, the giver of your peace.*

*In the name of this one whom we know as the world's Savior, we pray. Amen.*

### Passing the Peace

*Jesus Christ is the giver of our peace.*

*We have asked for his presence with us, may we share the blessing of such peace with each other.*

**The peace of Christ be with you.**

**Scripture Reading – Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c**

(Read responsively)

*Let my whole being bless the Lord!*  
**Lord my God, how fantastic you are!**  
**You are clothed in glory and grandeur!**  
*You wear light like a robe;*  
**you open the skies like a curtain.**  
*You build your lofty house on the waters;*  
**you make the clouds your chariot,**  
**going around on the wings of the wind.**  
*You make the winds your messengers;*  
**you make fire and flame your ministers.**  
*You established the earth on its foundations*  
**so that it will never ever fall.**  
*You covered it with the watery deep*  
*like a piece of clothing;*  
**the waters were higher than the mountains!**

*But at your rebuke they ran away;*  
**they fled in fear**  
**at the sound of your thunder.**  
*They flowed over the mountains,*  
**streaming down the valleys**  
**to the place you established for them.**  
*You set a boundary they cannot cross*  
**so they'll never again cover the earth.**  
  
*Lord, you have done so many things!*  
**You made them all so wisely!**  
*The earth is full of your creations!*  
**Praise the Lord!**

**Anthem**

*Praise the Lord*

G. F. Handel

**Scripture Reading – Job 38:1-7, 34-41**

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

**Song**

*God of Wonders*

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Lord of all creation,  
of water, earth, and sky;  
the heavens are your tabernacle.  
Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty,  
you are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning,  
I will celebrate the light.  
And when I stumble in the darkness,  
I will call your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
you are holy, holy.  
The universe declares your majesty,  
you are holy, holy.

Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah,  
to the Lord of heaven and earth.  
Hallelujah,  
to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah,  
to the Lord of heaven and earth.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
you are holy, holy.  
Precious Lord,  
reveal your heart to me,  
Father, hold me, hold me.

The universe declares your majesty,  
you are holy, holy.  
Holy, holy.

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**Message**

*Breathe and Stay Calm*

## Response

### Hymn

#### *How Great Thou Art*

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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 power throughout the universe displayed.  
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!

2. When through 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;  
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!

3. 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;  
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!

4. 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!  
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!

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### Prayers of the People

*If I created the universe with all its stars and planets, can't I fix your brokenness?  
Trust me, I got this! **Lord, help us to trust you.***

*If I laid the very foundation of the earth, measured its dimensions, placed my Son, its cornerstone, as a  
protector of my creation, then surely I can fix your broken marriage.  
Trust me, I got this! **Lord, help us to trust you.***

*If I created the sky, the sea, the moon, the sun, then surely I have the cure for all your diseases.  
Trust me, my child, I got this! **Lord, help us to trust you.***

*If I took clay and molded you into being, if I gave you my breath to live, if I gave you my word as a compass,  
then surely I can take you back from the clutches of sin and death.  
Trust me, my creation, I got this! **Lord, help us to trust you.***

**Lord, you have shown us countless times that you are here for us, yet we are slow to trust.  
We turn to worldly providers and hope things will work out. We resort to vices and devices to  
numb our pain, but the pain still exists. Help us, O God, to place all of hope, dreams, fears,  
plans, and doubts in your capable hands. Amen.**

### 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 of Response

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## Invitation to the Offering

## Moment of Meditation

## 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

## Sending

### Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be your name  
in the land that is plentiful,  
where your streams of abundance flow;  
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name  
when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness;  
blessed Be your name.

Ev'ry blessing you pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say,

“Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name.”

Blessed be your name  
when the sun's shining down on me,  
when the world's “all as it should be”;  
blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name  
on the road marked with suffering,  
though there's pain in the offering;  
blessed be your name.

Ev'ry blessing you pour out  
I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away,  
you give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord, blessed be your name.”

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you give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord, blessed be your name.”

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be your glorious name.

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## Benediction

## Postlude

*In Thee Is Gladness*

J. S. Bach

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