

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

March 6, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Lent

“The Word became flesh”

-- John 3:16

PRELUDE “Pilgrim’s Communion” Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG “Awesome God” Rich Mullins

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul,

People: And all that is within me, praise His holy name.

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul,

People: And forget not all His benefits.

Leader: Let us worship God.

PRAISE SONG “God of Wonders” Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains steadfast.
Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that our
Redeemer longs to make us whole.

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Eternal God, we come to You, admitting that we have not been the persons You have intended us to be. We are faint-hearted despite Your summons for courage. We are vengeful when You call for forgiveness. We are self-centered when You call for self-sacrifice. Stop calling us only when we have finally answered. Stop using us only when we are worn out. Stop loving us, never. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(moment for silent prayer).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are those who seek the face of God.

People: Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.

Leader: Blessed are those who ask for forgiveness, for they shall be forgiven.

People: In Christ, all things are made new. This is the good news of the gospel!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

CHILDREN’S TIME /THE YOUNG AT HEART

INSTALLATION Cheryl Nemecek to the office of ruling Elder

ANTHEM “In Remembrance” Buryl Red

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-14, John 14:1,6

SERMON “No One More Awesome”
“Narrow is the way that leads to life” (Matt. 7:13-14).

*HYMN No. 66 “To God Be the Glory”

THE LORD’S SUPPER (see insert)

OFFERING

*Doxology (Hymn No. 625)

Dedication of Offering

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

*HYMN No. 177 “What Wondrous Love Is This?”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” v.1
Helen H. Lemmel

POSTLUDE “Depart in Joy” Theodore Dubois

* Those who are able, please stand

Welcome to our church today!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew. You may then put the card in the offering plate that will be passed to you during the offering. Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know how we can assist you.

Easter Lilies

Lilies are being offered through Agway again this Easter season. Due to an early deadline by Agway, please return your lily request to the office by March 8, 2022. Please use the insert in today's bulletin to request how many and to whom they are dedicated.

Coffee Hour

On the second Sunday of every month the Church Life Committee will be offering Coffee Hours once again to those who choose to share conversations following the Sunday service. Thank you for remaining masked until participating in the dessert-and-beverage time.

Lent Devotional

"This Love Changes Everything" is the title of our Lenten devotional gatherings. Join us, via zoom, for our journey through Lent. We were introduced to the devotional series at the soup and salad meal on Ash Wednesday, March 2. The following Wednesdays - March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 - we'll gather via zoom from 7 - 8 p.m. Use the same link as we use for the Sunday morning service to join the gathering. Join early for catching up with friends.

For Prayer

Kevin Ashman, Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,
Gretchen Young, Milo Jones

Thank You

A thank-you letter has been posted in the Fellowship Hall from Church World Service. They were very appreciative of our donations from Blanket Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Covid Policy

Session has amended the Covid policy so that face masks may be removed during the service. We ask that you still wear a mask when moving around the church before and after the service.

Order of Worship

March 13, 2022

Theme: "What He is and therefore does."

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

Ushers today are Jack and Jeanine Scott.

Chancel flowers today are given in honor of Phyllis Smith on her 92nd birthday, March 12.

---- Marsha Smith

Awesome God

Verse 1:

When He rolled up His sleeves He wasn't "puttin' on the ritz."
Our God is an awesome God!
There is lightning in His footsteps and thunder in His fist.
Our God is an awesome God!

And the Lord, He wasn't jokin' when He kicked 'em out of Eden.
It wasn't for no reason that He shed His blood.
His return is very soon, so you better be believin'
That our God is an awesome God!

Chorus (2x):

Our God is an awesome God!
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God!

Verse 2:

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night,
Our God is an awesome God!
He spoke into the darkness and created all the light.
Our God is an awesome God!

Judgement and wrath He poured out on Sodom.
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross.
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God!

Chorus (2x)

Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

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God of Wonders

Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

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.

Verse 2:

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

Chorus (2x)

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.

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Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Doxology

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

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

To God Be the Glory

Verse 1:

To God be the glory – great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He hath done!

Verse 2:

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Text: Fanny J. Crosby
Music: *To God Be the Glory*, William H. Doane

What Wondrous Love Is This

Verse 1:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of Bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Verse 2:

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down, sinking down.
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

Verse 3:

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great "I Am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Verse 4:

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

Text: American Folk Hymn

Music: *Wondrous Love*, William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835