



## Morning Worship

March 5, 2023

### Preparation for Worship

**Kathleen Wilkins**, organist

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

### Invitation to Worship

#### ***Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him***

Praise the Lord! Ye heav'ns adore Him;  
Praise Him angels, in the height;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;  
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! For He has spoken;  
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken  
For their guidance He has made.

Praise the Lord! For He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail;  
God has made His saints victorious;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high His power proclaim;  
Heav'n, and earth, and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,  
In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heav'n adore Thee,  
We would bow before Thy throne;  
As Thine angels serve before Thee,  
So on earth Thy will be done.

#### ***How Great Is Our God***

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, let all the Earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

#### ***Chorus:***

How great is our God, sing with me,  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God!

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.

***Chorus***

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

***How Great Thou Art (chorus only)***

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!

**Words of Welcome**

**Dr. Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor**

**Morning Prayer**

**Songs of Assurance**

***Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
God's ancient words will guide us home.

***Chorus:***

Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith handed down to this age.  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart;  
Oh let the ancient words impart.

***Chorus***

***Thy Word***

***Chorus:***

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

***Chorus***

I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side;

I will love you to the end.

*Chorus*

## Lessons from Scripture

Angela Johnston, Interim Children's Minister

*Acts 7:59—8:3*

## Choral Worship

*Ain't No Grave*

*arrangement by David Angerman*

*Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist*

*Larry Wheeler, viola*

*Gabe Katz, bass*

## Sermon

Dr. Laufer

*Blinded By the Light*

*Acts 9:1-31*

## Closing Song

*Lord, Here Am I*

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;  
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
What is my labor, and where it shall be.

*Chorus:*

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss.  
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;  
Only support me with grace in my need.

*Chorus*

## Parting Words

Christian Johns, Youth Minister

## Postlude

Kathleen Wilkins

