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Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Gather Round: Childhood Stories All Grown Up Moses and the Burning Bush**

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** (played by Sean McCracken)

*Simple Gifts*

by Brackett

## **CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

**L:** We are standing on holy ground.

**P:** All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

**L:** We are challenged to be people of loving service.

**P:** Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 277 (black hymnal)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL:** Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service. So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into actual service to you. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2022 (FWS, see insert)

*Great is the Lord*

**ALL SING:** Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

**GATHER ROUND**

*Moses and the Burning Bush*

*Exodus 3: 1-15*

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 355** (black hymnal)

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by Hannah McCracken) *This Little Light of Mine* by Loes  
*Minuet in G Minor* by Bach

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* by Temple

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2036 (FWS) *Give Thanks*<sup>4</sup>

**ALL SING:** Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\***CLOSING HYMN NO. 436** (black hymnal) *God of Grace and God of Glory*

### \*BENEDICTION

\***POSTLUDE** *You Are My All in All* by Jernigan

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8381/new-worship-connection-september-3-2017>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/5330/classic-worship-connection-september-3-2017>

<sup>3</sup>*Great is the Lord*. Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith. © 1982 Meadowgreen Music Company. CCLI Song # 1149. CCLI License # 3220582.

<sup>4</sup>*Give Thanks*. Words and music by Henry Smith. © 1978 Integrity Hosanna's Music. CCLI Song #20285. CCLI License #3220582.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Dan and Nancy Kinard's wedding anniversary by their grandsons, Braden, Justin, & Ryan Neal.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Lina Everhart's birthday by Tori Everhart.

The floral arrangement is presented in memory of Franklin & Annie Bahn by their descendants as they celebrate their 62<sup>nd</sup> annual family reunion on this day.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Logan Allison's birthday, love Dad and Mom (Rick & Tama Allison).

Today we recognize Rev. Guy and Marty Wenck as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Guy's ordination.

Thank you to Sean and Hannah McCracken for providing special music at both services today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Jack Herlocker

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Carrah Wagaman

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

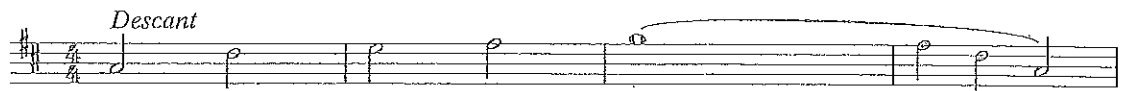
10:30 AM Hall Monitor: George DeMers

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

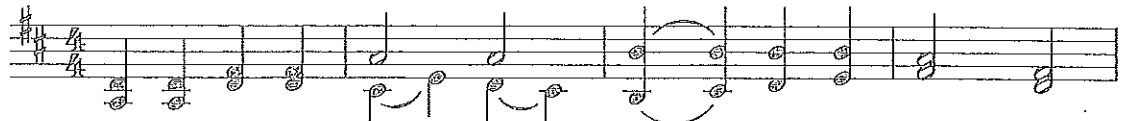
WOW Kids: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

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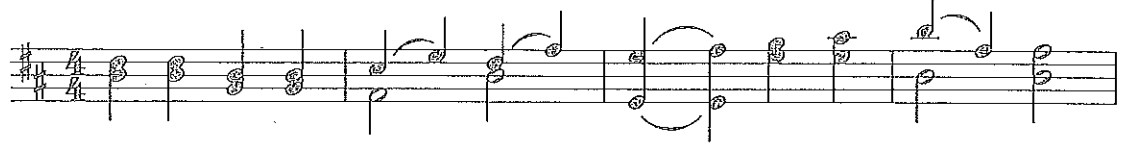
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4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



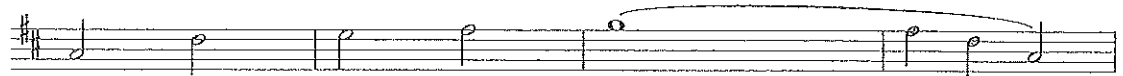
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



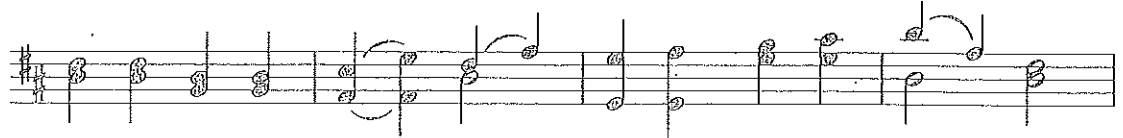
Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,  
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,  
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*This hymn by Reginald Heber was published in a book of hymns for Banbury Parish Church in England. Nicæa, one of nearly 300 tunes by John B. Dykes, was named for the famous council that defined the doctrine of the Trinity.*

Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10.  
 John B. Dykes, 1861  
 Descant David McK. Williams, 1948

## Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5

1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
 2 Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
 3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
 4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres - ence still.

Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
 Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
 Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
 Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

*Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
 William Croft. 1708

# Great Is The Lord

Words and Music by  
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

$\text{♩} = 60$  VERSE



Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His love. \_\_\_\_\_

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Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true by His mer - cy He proves He is love. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS

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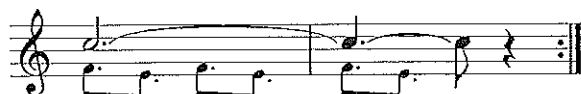
Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise.

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Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the

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Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

## God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Gen. 2:7; John 10:11-16

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian; wind - sped  
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made  
 3 Great Cre - a - tor; life - be - stow - er, truth be -  
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of  
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering  
 yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of  
 vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to  
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your  
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you  
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing  
 tend - ing may all pas - tors\* learn and live a  
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the  
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

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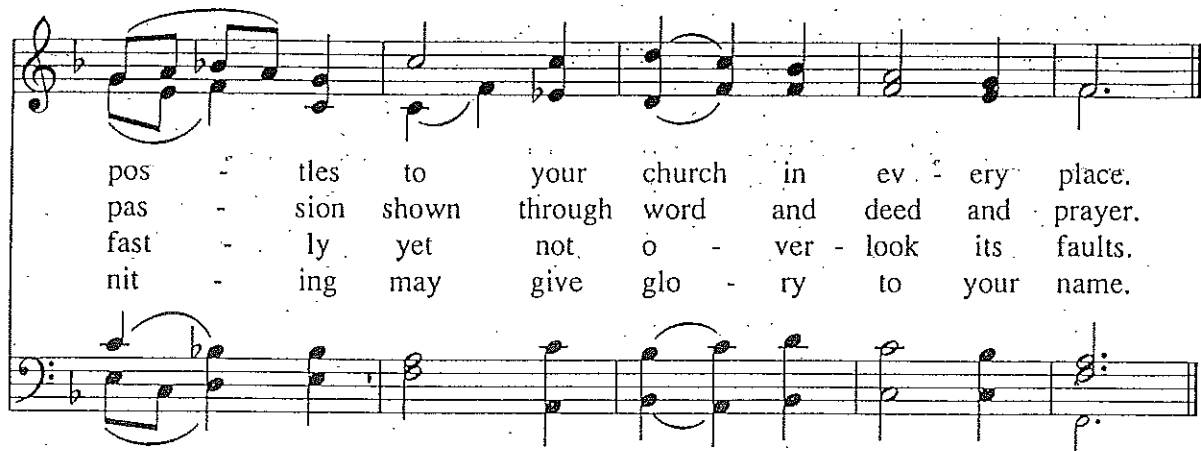


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God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian #355



of your grace; Send them forth as bold a -  
shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and com -  
church ex - alts O - ver - see its life stead -  
to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries u -



pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

*A gift from Carl P. Daw, Jr., to Episcopal colleague Jeffery Rowthorn for his consecration as bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut, this text calls on the Triune God to aid and bless the person being ordained in his or her ministry.*

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
Alternate tune: JEFFERSON

## God of Grace and God of Glory

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*Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;  
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—  
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,  
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.  
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.*

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
 John Hughes, c. 1907