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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 AM

## **Gather Round: Childhood Stories All Grown Up**

### **Noah, the Ark, and the Flood**

*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**

*April Showers*

by Combs

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God said, "I will be your God."

**People: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

Leader: God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

**People: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

Leader: God said, "I will forgive you."

**People: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

Leader: God said, "My kingdom is near."

**People: God has promised. God remembers. God is faithful.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 1** (black hymnal)

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**ALL:** God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another, and we think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth, into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>1</sup>

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**

*Noah, the Ark, and the Flood*  
*Genesis 6-9*

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

**SCRIPTURE  
MESSAGE**

**MIDDLE HYMN NO. 582** (black hymnal)

*O God of Earth and Altar*

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEACHER RECOGNITION**

**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.

<sup>1</sup>Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by the Belles)      *This Is My Father's World*      by Sheppard

**OFFERTORY**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Songbirds Return*      by Combs

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2036 (FWS)      *Give Thanks*

**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. 391 (black hymnal)      *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*      by Wells

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Betty Sipe's birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by Jeff & Nancy Sleeeger.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Betty Spangler's birthday on June 23<sup>rd</sup> by Jeff & Nancy Sleeeger.

The bulletins are presented in honor of my son John's birthday, by Monika Fauth.

Thank you to the Belles 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: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Coordinated by Jodi Graham

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Hall Monitor: Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Lana Fritz, Barb Stebbins, Bonnie & Bill Murphy

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Guy Wenck

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2358/worship-elements-february-18-2018>

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

# Great Is The Lord

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

♩ = 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

9



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

13



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

18



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

# O God of Earth and Altar

*St. 1-2, Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1906; alt.*

*St. 2, alt. Jane Parker Huber, 1985*

*St. 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985*

1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;  
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of pen and voice,  
 3 A - wak - en us to ac - tion and forge us in - to one,

Our earth-ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;  
 From all the eas - y speech - es that make our hearts re - joice,  
 de - fy - ing sect and fac - tion; O God, your will be done!

The walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide;  
 From val - ue's pro - fan - a - tion, from hon - or sac - ri - ficed,  
 Op - pres - sive sys - tems snare us; our ap - a - thies in - crease.

Take not your thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.  
 From sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, O Christ!  
 Great God, in mer - cy spare us for jus - tice and for peace!

*G. K. Chesterton of England was a prolific journalist, lecturer, and author of some one hundred literary works. This hymn has been updated by Jane Parker Huber to "incorporate*

*Tune: LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6.D.*

*Traditional Welsh melody  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927*

# In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

## Refrain

Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain  
 Julian Rush, 1985  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994