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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** (played by Daniel McCracken)      *Sonatina in G Major*      by Beethoven

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

L: Come in faith, and listen to the One

**P: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

L: Come in faith, and see the One

**P: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

L: Come in faith, and bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

**P: who shows the salvation of God.**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 472** (NCH, see p. 3)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of compassion,

**P: This life can be exhausting. The world promises us many things and we are drawn into its ways. In the midst of that noise, you call us over and over again to follow you—and yet we wander off.**

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

You claim us and name us over and over again as your children—and yet we forget whose we are. Forgive us when the ways the world promotes seems more appealing than the ways that you call us forward. Forgive us when we walk away from your promises. Forgive us when we doubt your power, strength, and ways. Forgive us when we believe our ways are better than your calling. Despite our tendency to drift and because of our deep and yearning questions, claim us and name us as holy and beloved once again. Forgive us this day, O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2022 (FWS, see p. 4, refrain & v. 3) *Great is the Lord*

**ALL SING:** Great is the Lord, he is holy and justice; 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 are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise! Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are you, Lord. Great are you, Lord!

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

**SCRIPTURE<sup>4</sup>**  
**MESSAGE**

*Genesis 15:1-8*

**HYMN NO. 77** (UMH, see p. 5)

*How Great Thou Art*

**JOYS & CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (played by Sean McCracken)

*Hungarian Folk Song (from Children)*

by Béla Bartok

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

REMEMBERING THE STORY

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & 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.

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE WINE  
 SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS  
 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 471 (NCH, see p. 6)

*What a Covenant*

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you to Dave Firestone, Joe Vacante, John Schriver, and Jim Firestone for serving on the tech teams. Thank you to Nancy & Jeff Slegger, Melissa Shindler, Faye Heal, and Barb Stebbins for serving on the welcome teams. Thank you to Daniel and Sean McCracken for providing special music today. Thank you to Denny Daugherty for serving as guest accompanist today!

<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship written by James E. Janecek, and posted on the **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/> and accessed through Re:Worship Blogspot <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/call-to-worship-psalm-50.html> on 8/1/2022.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of the Day was written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on **Liturgies Outside**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/> And accessed on 8/1/2022

<sup>3</sup>The Confession and Forgiveness was made accessible through the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways Archive**. <http://www.ucc.org/> and accessed on 8/1/2022.

<sup>4</sup>Today's Scripture is re-interpreted by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws**. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws> and accessed on August 1, 2022

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**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Thomas A. Dorsey

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger  
 3. When the shad-ows ap-pear and the night draws

5  
 stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near, when my life is al-most gone,  
 near, and the day is past and gone,

9  
 Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 At the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

13  
 light fall:  
 hand: Take my hand pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

# Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

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**Piano** ♩ = 80

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just; by his pow - er we trust in his  
love, Great is the Lord, he is faith - ful and true; by his mer - cy he proves he is  
love. 1., 2. Great is the Lord and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great is the Lord and  
3. Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and  
wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:  
wor - thy of praise. Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:  
Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_  
Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you, Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_  
Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

# How Great Thou Art

Stuart H. Kine, 1953

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Piano  $\text{♩} = 120$

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe - some  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -

3

won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the  
wan - der, and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look  
spar - ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the  
- ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall

6

stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der thy power through -  
down from lof - ty moun - tain gran - deur and hear the  
cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing he bled and  
bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion and there pro -

8

- out the un - i - verse dis - played. Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to  
brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
died to take a - way my sin;  
- claim, my God, how great thou art;

11

thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

14

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

# What a Covenant

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887

Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. What a cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

4



- last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
- last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
- last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near,

7



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

12



all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.