

Sunday, February 13, 2022
Creativity: Our Creative God

GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-17 He [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Song:

All Creatures of our God and King (LUYH 551)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam, and shining moon with silver gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heaven along, alleluia, alleluia!
New rising dawn in praise rejoice; you lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear: alleluia, alleluia!
Fierce fire, so masterful and bright, providing us with warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part; alleluia, alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reading: Psalm 148 - Praise for God's Universal Glory

One Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and

flying birds!

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

All: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Song:

We Sing the Mighty Power of God (LUYH 10)

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Prayer:

God, your greatness is so considerable we'd need a cosmic chorus to proclaim it. If every vocalist in heaven was invited—the sun, moon, Big Dipper, and all the angels; and every singer on earth—Humpback whales, the Rockies, apple trees, mice, eagles, kings, presidents, boys and girls, men and women; we would still be powerless to truly proclaim the praise you deserve.

That very inadequacy to offer you the praise you deserve reminds us of our broken relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We hesitate to take up our role of being creative for your glory. Help us, Lord, not to short change you with our praise as our Creator and not to short-change the creativity you've given us with the Holy Spirit's inspiration. In Jesus' name and for your Kingdom's sake, Amen.

Words of Assurance: Accept God's gift of forgiveness and peace. Let's live in the warmth of God's embrace.

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD

Scripture: Psalm 104 p. 486

Message: Our Creative God

Lord's Supper Song:

How Great Thou Art LUYH #553

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;
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!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
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!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
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!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
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, how great
thou art

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE AND CREATE

Prayers of the People and Offering

Benediction

Song:

Let all things Now Living (LUYH 5)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him
divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Postlude