



July 20, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Exalt the Lord

arr. Greer

Call to Worship

One: This morning, the Risen Christ calls us to worship together as we anticipate the arrival of Tim and Sarah Dyck as Tim prepares to lead this wonderful congregation.

All: We come with anticipation and hope.

One: We come with gratitude and reverence for God.

All: We come because Christ calls us to be his hands and feet in our complicated and hurting world.

One: We come to be filled with God's unconditional love, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to live abundantly.

***Gathering Hymn**

"How Great Thou Art"

#625, Hymnal

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, we come before you this morning to be surrounded by your loving, life-changing presence. We pray that your word can be a lamp unto our feet as we walk through life and a light for our path as we seek to do your will. Fill, we pray, our hearts with your love, our words with your truth, and our actions with your compassion. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9 tells us "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, Creator of the heavens and Maker of each small thing, we give thanks for the wondrous universe you have set before us. Each day overflows with the richness of life: the beauty of Iowa at this time of year, relationships that nurture and challenge, and opportunities for growth and service. Each day is a gift from you, yet too often we refuse to embrace the abundant life you offer. With much around us to be done, some of us complain of boredom. Others of us are so busy we fail to notice your presence and calling. Too many of us go through the motions of daily living without a sense of appreciation, delight, or purpose in life. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to experience the richness of your abundant life. This we pray in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
One: Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, “Anyone in Christ is a new creation.
The past is finished and done. The future lies bright and new.”
All: Thanks be to God that our sins are forgiven.

***Response to Grace** #288, Hymnal
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Passing The Peace**
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**
(The people exchange signs of Christ’s peace and reconciling love)

Life of the Church

Ministry of Music Be Thou My Vision arr. DeFord
Soloist: Grace Dinneen

Scripture Readings Mark 8:1-9 (pg. 43, NT)
Luke 14:15-24 (pg. 77, NT)

Sermon Abundant Life Rev. Cathy Young

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer pg. 35, Hymnal

Offertory Joyful, Joyful! arr. Labenske

***Doxology** #606, Hymnal
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
O Lord our God, we give thanks for your many gifts offered so freely to the world. We offer you all that we are—heart and soul, mind and strength. Use these gifts and use our lives to share your love with our neighbors, showing mercy in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Song of Sending** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #611, Hymnal

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude In My Heart there Rings a Melody arr. Nelson

The guest Pastor today is Rev. Cathy Young

The lectionary reader today is Nancy Valentine

The pulpit flowers today are provided by Sue Albright in honor of
Cathy Young and in loving memory of Mary K. Williams

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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll - ing thun - der, thy power through - out the
 loft - y moun-tain gran - deur and hear the brook and
 bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to
 hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My



**Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."*

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.

MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin:
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

KOREAN

- 1 주 하나님 지으신 모든 세계
 내마음 속에 그리어 볼때
 하늘의 별 울려 퍼지는 너성
 주님의 권능 우주에 찬네
- 후렴 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
 주님의 높고 위대하심을
 내영혼이 찬양하네
- 2 숲속이나 험한산 골짜에서
 지저귀는 저 새소리들과
 고요하게 흐르는 시냇물은
 주님의 숨씨 노래하도다 후렴
- 3 주하나님 독생자 아낌없이
 우리를 위해 보내주셨네
 십자가에 피흘려 죽으신 주
 내모든 죄를 대속하셨네 후렴
- 4 내주 예수 세상에 다시 올 때
 저천국으로 날 인도하리
 나 겸손히 엎드려 경배하며
 영원히 주를 찬양하리라 후렴

SPANISH

- 1 Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,
 el firmamento y las estrellas mil,
 al oír tu voz en los potentes truenos
 y ver brillar al sol en su cenit,
- Estribillo Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
 Mi corazón se llena de emoción.
 ¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!
- 2 Al recorrer los montes y los valles
 y ver las bellas flores al pasar,
 al escuchar el canto de las aves
 y el murmurar del claro manantial, Estribillo
- 3 Cuando recuerdo de tu amor divino
 que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,
 al buen Jesús, que por salvarme vino
 y en una cruz por mí sufrió y murió, Estribillo
- 4 al dulce hogar, al cielo de esplendor;
 te adoraré, cantando la grandeza
 de tu poder y tu infinito amor. Estribillo

Spirit of the Living God

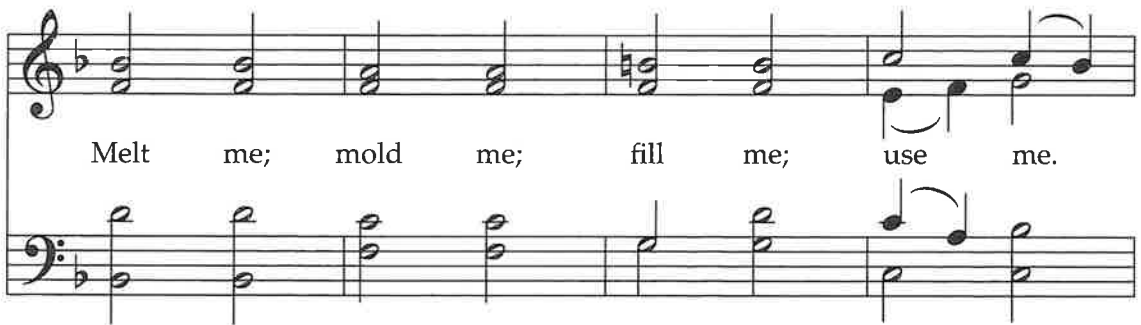
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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.