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September 10, 2017
14th Sunday after Pentecost

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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs *Indescribable & God of Wonders*

Indescribable

Words and Music by
Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

$\text{♩} = 60$ **VERSE**

Dm C/E F

1. From the high - est of heights to the depths of the sea,
2. Who has told ev - 'ry light - ning bolt where it should go,

5 Gm⁷ B \flat /F E \flat maj⁷

cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing Your maj - es - ty.
or seen heav - en - ly store - hous - es lad - en with snow?

9 Dm C/E F

From the col - lours of Fall to the fra - grance of Spring,
Who i - mag - ined the sun and gives source to its light,

13 Gm⁷ B \flat /F E \flat maj⁷ B \flat /D C/E

ev - 'ry crea - ture u - nique in the song that it sings. All ex - claim - ing:
yet con - ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of night? None can fath - om.

§ **CHORUS 1 & 2**

17 F C B \flat ²

In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble; You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by

21 Dm F/A B \flat F

name. You are a - maz - ing, God; All pow - er - ful,
In - com - p'ra - ble,

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26 C B \flat^2 Dm

un - tam - a - ble; Awe-struck, we fall to our knees as we hum-bly pro - - claim ____
 un-change-a-ble; You see the depths of my heart and You love me the ____ same. ____

30 F/A Last time to Coda 1. B \flat^2 C/B \flat B \flat^2 C/B \flat B \flat^2

You are a-maz - ing, _ God. _
 You are a-maz -

35 2. B \flat^2 INTERLUDE 1a Gm 7 F Ebmaj 7

ing, _ God. _

You are a-maz - ing, _ God. _

40 A \flat

43 A \flat /G \flat D.S.

45 3. B \flat^2 C/B \flat B \flat^2 C/B \flat B \flat^2 D.S. al Coda

ing, _ God. _

49 \oplus Coda $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$ INTERLUDE 1b $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat

ing, _ God. _

54 $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$

You are a - maz - ing, _ God. _

59 ENDING $B\flat^2$ Dm⁷ C^{sus}

You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same. You are a - maz -

63 $B\flat^2$ Dm⁷

ing, _ God. _ You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.

68 C^{sus} $B\flat^2$

You are a - maz - ing, _ God. _ You see the depths of our hearts and You love us the

73 Dm⁷ C^{sus} $B\flat^2$ F

same. You are a - maz - ing, _ God. _

God Of Wonders

Words and Music by
Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

♩=82

VERSE 1

1. Lord of all cre-a-tion, of wa-ter earth, and

sky;

The heav-ens are Your tab-er-nac-le.

CHORUS 1

Glo-ry to the Lord on high! God of won-ders be-yond our gal-ax-

-y, You are ho-ly, ho-ly. The

u-ni-verse de-claims Your maj-es-ty, You are ho-ly,

ho-ly. Lord of heav-en and earth,

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19 D/C C² 2nd time to Coda \oplus INSTRUMENTAL D^{sus} Em⁷ C²

Lord of heav-en and _ earth. _

23 D^{sus} Em⁷ C² VERSE 2 D^{sus} Em⁷

2. Ear - ly in _ the morn -

26 C² D^{sus} Em⁷ C²

- ing, _ I will cel - e-brate _ the light.

29 D^{sus} Em⁷ C²

When I stum - ble in the dark - - ness _

31 D^{sus} Em⁷ C² D.S. al Coda

I will call Your name _ by _ night. _

Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

Children + Youth Help Introduce the Day

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Creator God, You created all of creation in your image. Help us to see you in everyone we meet: the stranger the enemy, so that we may learn to love in new ways. Amen.

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is _____. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise *God of Wonders*

Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation,

Help us. Turn us toward you, remind us that you created us and all of creation. Give us the power to confess and open our arms to receive your Good News. Amen.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous, Re-creating God,

Help us. We turn inward, we forget to love, we decide not to love, we keep who you created us to be pent up, reigned in.

Forgive us.

Forgive us for the things we don't do and the things we do.

Forgive us for portioning off our hearts instead of loving with the whole thing.

Forgive us for not acting like the Children of God you created us to be.

Hear this Good News:

God does not define you by your mistakes.

God calls you and claims you as a Child of God.

You are forgiven.

You are, once and for all, a Child of God.

Thank you, God!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all
And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
 ☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Grand designer of all things,

The light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.

The Story

READER 2: Today, our story and God's story is found in the book of Genesis chapter 1 through chapter 2, the 4th verse.



Reader 1: 1:1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, **ALL: "Let there be light";**

Reader 2: and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

ALL: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader 1: 6 And God said,

ALL: "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

Reader 1: 7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. 8 God called the dome Sky.

ALL: And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Reader 2: 9 And God said,

ALL: "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear."

Reader 2: And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 1: 11 Then God said,

ALL: "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."

Reader 1: And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

ALL: 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Reader 2: 14 And God said,

ALL: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth."

Reader 1: And it was so. 16 God made the two great lights -- the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night -- and the stars. 17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, 18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 2: 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said,

ALL: "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

Reader 2: 21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 1: 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

ALL: 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Reader 1: 24 And God said,

ALL: "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."

Reader 2: And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

Reader 2: 26 Then God said,

ALL: "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

Reader 1 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." 29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

ALL: 31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Readers 1 & 2: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2 And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader 1: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Music After Sermon *How Great Thou Art*

Please write your prayer requests as we sing together. The people who will pray your prayers will pick them up from you.

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, I hear the
 3 But 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 works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to 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!

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Prayers of the People *Prayers will be written on papers or texted by the people and prayed out loud, anonymously, by two people from the congregation. After 3-4 prayers are read, the reader of the prayers will say*

Pray-er: God of love,

ALL: **Hear our prayers.**

The Meal

Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive. The watering can is for Laundry Love. The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song *We Are An Offering*

We Are An Offering

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

CHORUS 1

G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C Dm⁷ C/E F C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm⁷ G⁷_{sus} G⁷ C Dm⁷ C/E

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

7 F C/E Dm⁷ G⁷_{sus} G/F

lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing.

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Thanksgiving for Gifts

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Sing Lamb of God again.

The Lord's Prayer

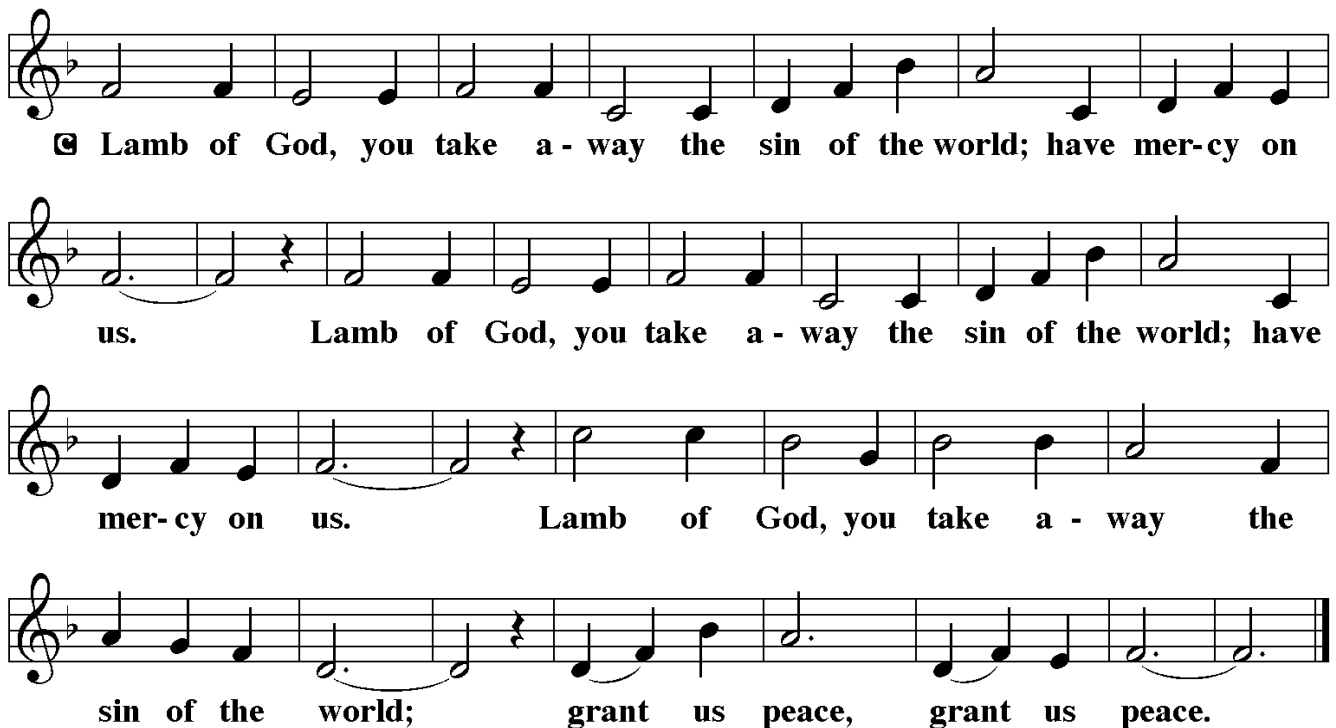
You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs *Lamb of God, Canticle of the Sun & When Long Before Time*



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

CANTICLE OF THE SUN

Refrain



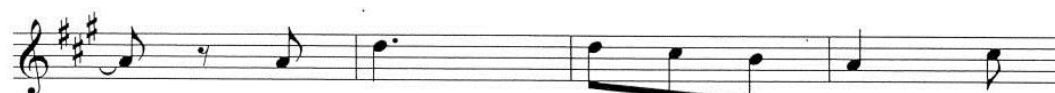
The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,



and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy.



Come, dance in the for - est, come, play in the field,



and sing, sing to the glo - ry



of the Lord.


Verses




1. Sing to the sun, the bring - er of day, He
2. Praise to the wind that blows through the trees, The
3. Praise to the rain that wa - ters our fields, And
4. Praise to the fire who gives us his light, The
5. Sing to the earth who makes life to grow, The
6. Praise to our death that makes our life real, The



car - ries the light of the Lord in his rays; The
 seas might - y storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They
bless - es our crops so all the earth yields; From
 warmth of the sun to bright - en our night; He
 crea - tures you made to let your life show; The
 knowl - edge of loss that helps us to feel; The




moon and the stars who light up the way Un -
 blow where they will, they blow where they please To
death un - to life her mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs
 danc - es with joy, his spir - it so bright, He
 flow - ers and trees that help us to know The
 gift of your - self, your pres - ence re - vealed To




to your throne. *D.C.*
 please the Lord.
forth in joy.
 sings of you.
 heart of love.
 lead us home.

⊕ Coda



Lord. Sing,



sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.



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 Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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When Long before Time

The Singer and the Song

1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,

when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,

and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,

and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

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Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

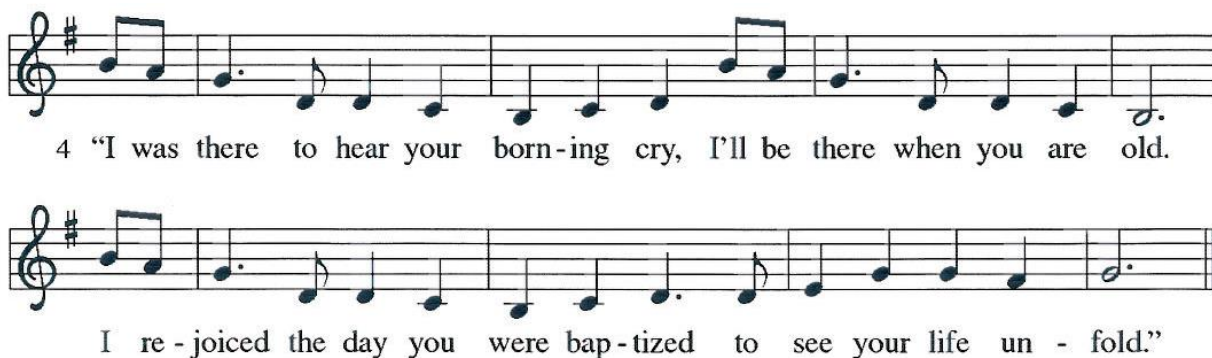
The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones—a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share."
After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!"



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Blessing of Backpacks

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord Reign In Me

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown

$\text{♩} = 94$ **VERSE**

C G^{sus} F² G^{sus} C G^{sus}

1. O - ver all the _ earth, You _ reign on _ high, ev - 'ry moun - tain _ stream,
2. O - ver ev - 'ry _ thought, o - ver ev - 'ry _ word, may my life re - flect

4 F² G^{sus} Am⁷ G^{sus} F² G^{sus}

ev - 'ry sun - set _ sky. But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly _ aim _
the beau - ty of my _ Lord; 'Cause You mean more to _ me than an - y earth - ly _ thing. .

CHORUS 1a

7 Dm⁷ F² G^{sus} C G F² G

— is that You'd reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in _ me, reign in Your _ pow'r;
— So won't You reign in me a - gain.

11 C G F² G Am G F² G

O - ver all my _ dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am, _

15 Dm⁷ **1. INSTRUMENTAL** F G C G F

— so won't You reign in me a - gain.

19 Am⁷ G F **2. CHORUS 1b** F G C N.C.

reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in _ me,

Lord Reign In Me - 2

23 F² G C G F² G Am G F²

reign in Your _pow'r; O-ver all my _dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord

27 G Dm⁷ F G Dm⁷

of all I am, _____ so won't You reign in me a - gain, _____ won't You

31 F G Dm⁷ F G

reign in me a - gain, _____ won't You reign in me a - gain.

ENDING

34 C G F C G F C

Go in peace, share the hope of Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

Music to Send You Out

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