

Who is God...

...in this vast universe?

July 24, 2016

Who Is God...(A Series on Job)

July 31...when our expectations are shattered?

August 7...when we speak to God?



LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "God of Wonders" & "Awesome God"

God Of Wonders

Words and Music by
Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

♩ = 82

VERSE 1

D^{sus} Em⁷ C² D^{sus} Em⁷

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

4 C² D^{sus} Em⁷ C²
sky; The heav-ens are Your tab-er-nac-le.

CHORUS 1

7 D^{sus} Em⁷ C² G
Glo-ry to the Lord on high! God of won-ders beyond our gal-ax-

10 D^{sus} D G/A Am⁷ G/C C²
-y, You are ho-ly, ho-ly. The

13 G D^{sus} D G/A Am⁷
u-ni-verse de-clares Your maj-es-ty, You are ho-ly,

16 G/C C² D/C C²
ho-ly. Lord of heav-en and earth,

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

Lord of heav-en and earth.

23 D^{SUS} Em⁷ C² D^{SUS} Em⁷ VERSE 2

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.

Awesome God

Words and Music by
Rich Mullins

♩ = 74

VERSE

Em



1. When He rolls up His sleeves — He ain't just "put-tin' on the ritz"— Our
(2. When the) sky — was star - less in the void — of the night— Our

3 Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em Bm⁷/E Em⁷



God is an awe - some God! There is thun - der in His foot-steps — and
God is an awe - some God! He spoke in - - to the dark-ness and cre -

6 Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em



light-ning in His fists— Our God is an awe - some God! The
-a - ted the — Our God is an awe - some God!

9 Am⁷ Bm⁷



Lord — was - n't jok-ing when He kicked 'em out of E-den, it was-n't for no rea-son that He
Judg-ment and wrath — He poured — out on Sod - om, mer-cy and grace — He — gave —

12 C Am⁷



shed — His — blood; His re - turn is ver - y close and so you'd bet-ter be be-liev-in' that our
— us at the cross. I hope that we have — not — too quick-ly for-got - ten that our

CHORUS

15 Bm⁷ Em C G



God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God, He —
God is an awe - some God!

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19 D Em C G

reigns from heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our

23 Am⁷ B+⁷ B⁷ Em C G

God is an awe - some God. Our God is an awe - some God, He

27 D Em C G

reigns from heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our

31 1. Am⁷ B+⁷ B⁷ Em Am⁷ Bm⁷

God is an awe - some God! 2. When the

36 2. Am⁷ B+⁷ B⁷ Em

God is an awe - some God! Our

38 ENDING Am⁷ Bm⁷ 1. Em 2. Em

God is an awe - some God! Our God!

Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Oh God who is faithful to us, you shatter our expectations of you at every turn. Shatter the barriers between us - the misunderstandings, the assumptions, the stereotypes and the apathy. Expand our vision to see you in those we would turn away from. Show us your faithfulness in others. 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.

Reprise of "Awesome God" to gather everyone back together.

Confession (Based on the 42nd chapter of the book of Job)

In the name of God, our Father, our Mother, and of the Son our Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit, the one who calls us to life here and now.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

In the words of Job we confess

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job answered God:

I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything.

Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

You asked, "Who is this muddying the water,

ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?"

I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me,

made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, 'Listen, and let me do the talking.

Let me ask the questions. You give the answers.

I admit I once lived by rumors of you;

now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I'm sorry—forgive me. I'll never do that again, I promise!

I'll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor."

In the mercy of almighty God,

creator of this vast universe

who knows when the mountain goats give birth,

who lives in the springs of the sea,

who has walked in the recesses of the deep.

This mighty and powerful God

gave his only son, Jesus Christ, to die for us,

and for his sake

God forgives us all our sins.

I speak as Job does, I speak as any person of faith does

with the authority only Christ has.

And it is by Christ's authority,

that I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

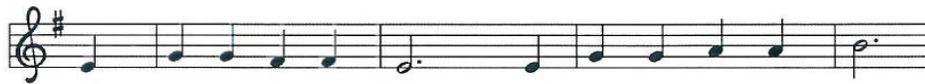
in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

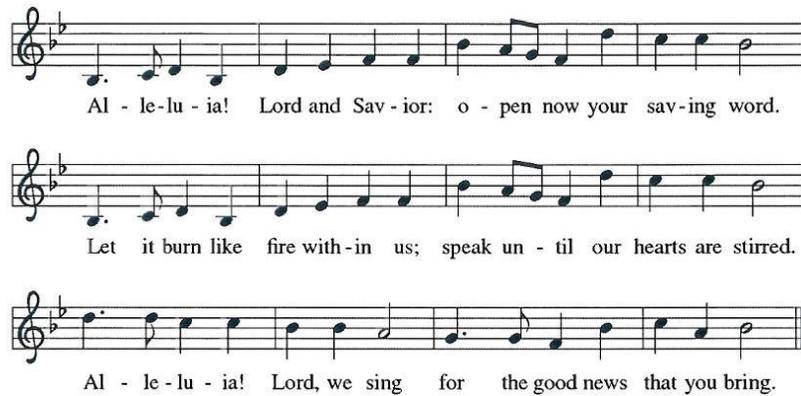
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, you stretched the heavens and harnessed the seas. Regard us, your creatures, with mercy and incline your ear to our feeble cries, for the sake of Jesus who loves us. Amen.

To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading.

Narrator: Hear the Good News from the book of Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11.

Song Before and After Reading



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Word

Narrator: [Job said,] Oh, that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! let the Almighty answer me!) Oh, that I had the indictment written by my adversary! Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown; I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him. Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

People 50 and older: Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

ALL: Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

People 49 and younger: Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

ALL: Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

People 50 and older: Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

People 49 and younger: Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?

Narrator: when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped”?

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God’s story.

Thanks be to God.

Sing Gospel acclamation again

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Song after Sermon “Indescribable”

Indescribable

Words and Music by
Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

♩ = 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^b/F

E^bmaj⁷



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^b/F

E^bmaj⁷

B^b/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^b²



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^b

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 Last time to Coda \oplus 1. F/A 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 E \flat maj 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 INTERLUDE 1b
 $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$ $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat $B\flat^2$ C/B \flat



ing, _ God. _

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



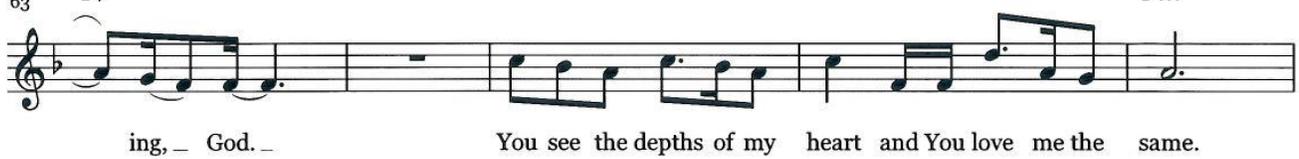
You are a - maz - ing, _ God. _

ENDING
 59 $B\flat^2$ Dm 7 C^{sus}



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

63 $B\flat^2$ Dm 7



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 Dm 7 C^{sus} $B\flat^2$ F



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

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Prayers of the People

You can text your prayers or write down your prayers to be prayed aloud at this time. Text the River of Hope phone: 320-583-8005.

Your prayers will be prayed anonymously.

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, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen

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 gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.

Common Cup is collecting school supplies. We will collect them during worship as well.

Offering Song "Give Me Jesus" (vs. 5 and chorus)

Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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The Sending

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

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!"
There is a Blam in Gilbead (vs. 1 and chorus) will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;
there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the song 'There Is a Balm in Gilead'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

Blessing

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.

**So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Amen

Sending Song "Mighty Is Our God"
KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!

Mighty Is Our God

Words and Music by
Eugene Greco, Gerrit Gustafson
and Don Moen

$\text{♩} = 152$ CHORUS

A A/C# D D/E E A A/C# D Dmaj7 E



Might-y is our God, — might-y is our King; —
Glo-ry to our God, — glo-ry to our King; —

Last time to Coda ⊕

1, 3.

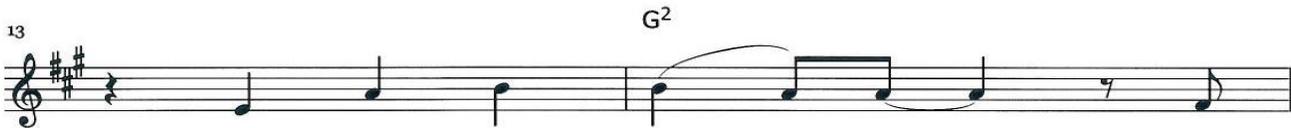


Might-y is our Lord, — Rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing. —
Glo-ry to our Lord, — Rul-er of ev - 'ry - thing. —

2. VERSE



His name is high - er, — high-er than an - y oth - - er name;



His pow'r is great - er, — for



He has cre - at - ed ev - - 'ry - thing.



Rul - er of ev - 'ry - thing. —

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Go in peace – serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music to Send You Out

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