



## God Answers Hannah

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



### Call to Worship

One: Our hearts delight in you, O God,

**All: For you do amazing things!**

One: Your wisdom far outweighs our own.

**All: For your ways evade our reason**

One: You lift up what was lowly

**All: And bring the dead to life.**

Gathering Song – God of Wonders & Awesome God

# God Of Wonders

Words and Music by  
Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

♩=82

## VERSE 1

D<sup>sus</sup>

Em<sup>7</sup>

C<sup>2</sup>

D<sup>sus</sup>

Em<sup>7</sup>



1. Lord of all cre-a-tion, \_

of wa-ter earth, \_ and \_

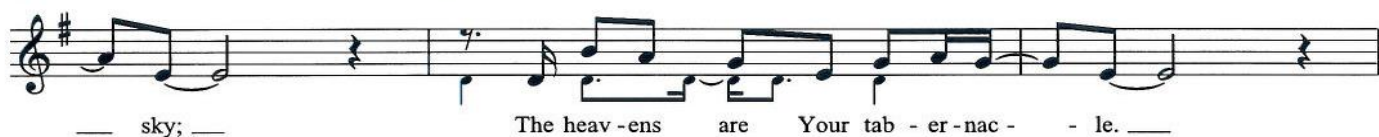
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C<sup>2</sup>

D<sup>sus</sup>

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\_ sky; \_

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



## CHORUS 1

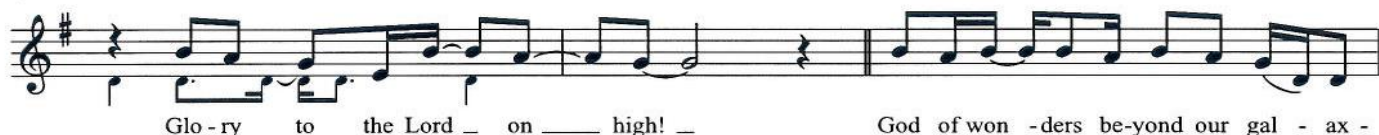
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D<sup>sus</sup>

Em<sup>7</sup>

C<sup>2</sup>

G



Glo-ry to the Lord on high! \_

God of won-ders be-yond our gal-ax-

10

D<sup>sus</sup>

D

G/A

Am<sup>7</sup>

G/C

C<sup>2</sup>



-y,

You are ho-ly, \_

ho-ly. \_

The

13

G

D<sup>sus</sup>

D

G/A

Am<sup>7</sup>



u-ni-verse de-clar-es Your maj-es-ty,

You are ho-ly, \_

16

G/C

C<sup>2</sup>

D/C

C<sup>2</sup>



ho-ly. \_

Lord of heav-en and earth, \_

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2nd time to Coda ⊕

INSTRUMENTAL

19 D/C C<sup>2</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

Lord of heav-en and \_ earth. \_

VERSE 2

23 D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>

2. Ear - ly in \_ the morn -

26 C<sup>2</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

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

29 D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

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

31 D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> 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



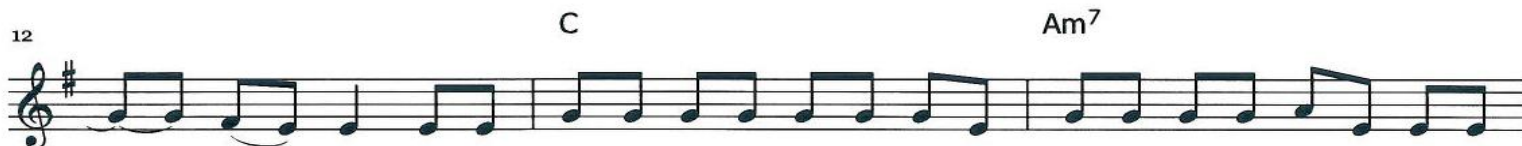
God is an awe - some God! There is thun - der in His foot-steps — and  
God is an awe - some God! He spoke in - to the dark-ness and cre -



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



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 —



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



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

19 D Em C G

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

23 Am<sup>7</sup> B+<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> 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. INSTRUMENTAL Am<sup>7</sup> B+<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> Em Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup>

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

36 2. Am<sup>7</sup> B+<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> Em

God is an awe - some God! Our

38 ENDING Am<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> 1. Em 2. Em

God is an awe - some God! Our God!

The Story with the kids

Welcome

## No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

**You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call 'stranger' and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.**

## Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**


## Confession and Forgiveness

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

*Silence for prayer and contemplation.*

God of all ages

**You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.**

Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy  abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator! **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

God of justice,

**You love exalting the humble and showing mercy to sinners. Give us that same heart for the oppressed, that we might work for the betterment of all and the coming of your kingdom on earth, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

# THE STORY

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues with a reading from 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

**Narrator:** After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the

doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow:

**Reader 1:** O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.

**Narrator:** They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said,

**Reader 2:** I have asked him of the Lord.

**Narrator:** Hannah prayed and said,

**Reader 1:** My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

**Reader 2:** The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

**Narrator:** Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Hymn – Abide with Me

# Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with the words: *Lord in your mercy.*

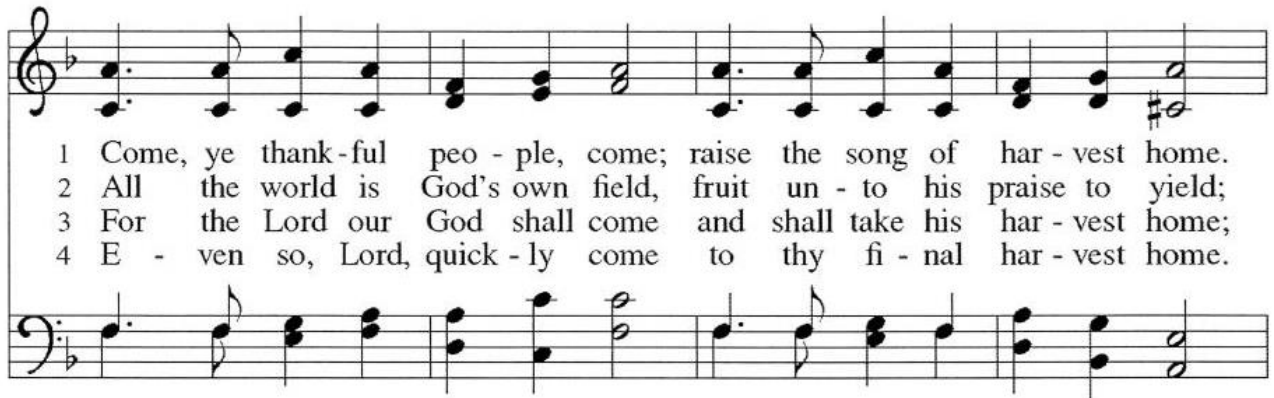
You will respond: ***Hear our prayers.***

## Offering

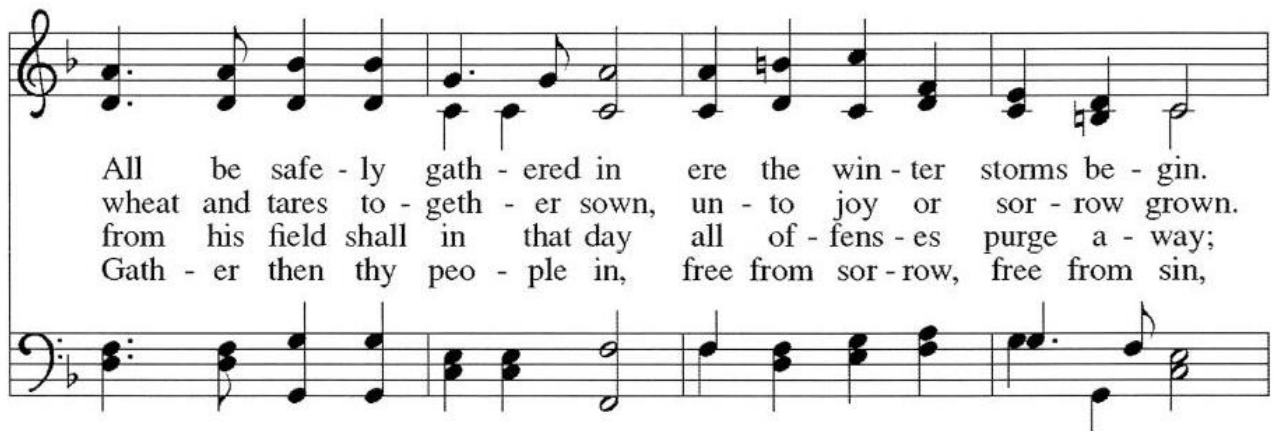
**Worship Leader:** *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org) and follow the directions to "give online".*

Offering Hymn – Come, Ye Thankful People Come

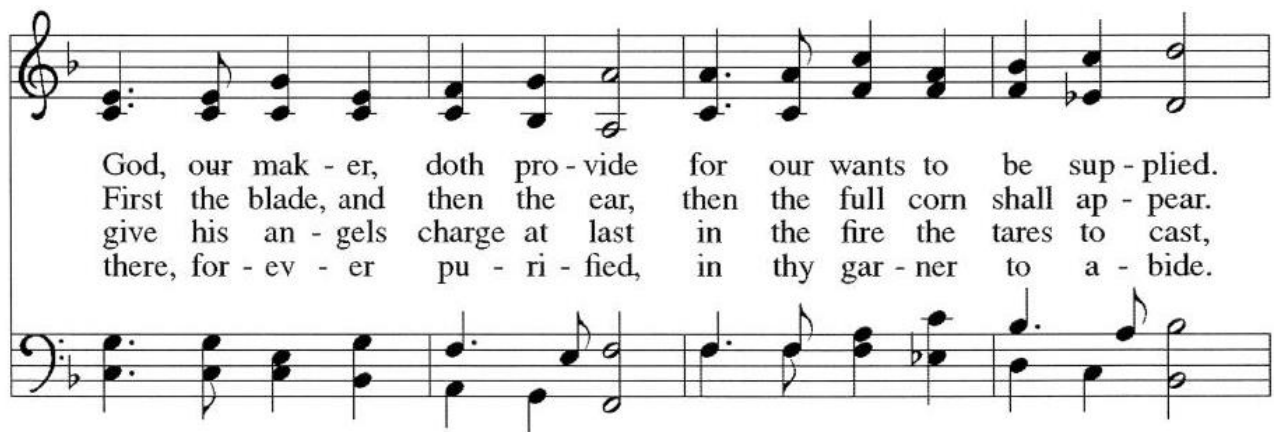
# Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



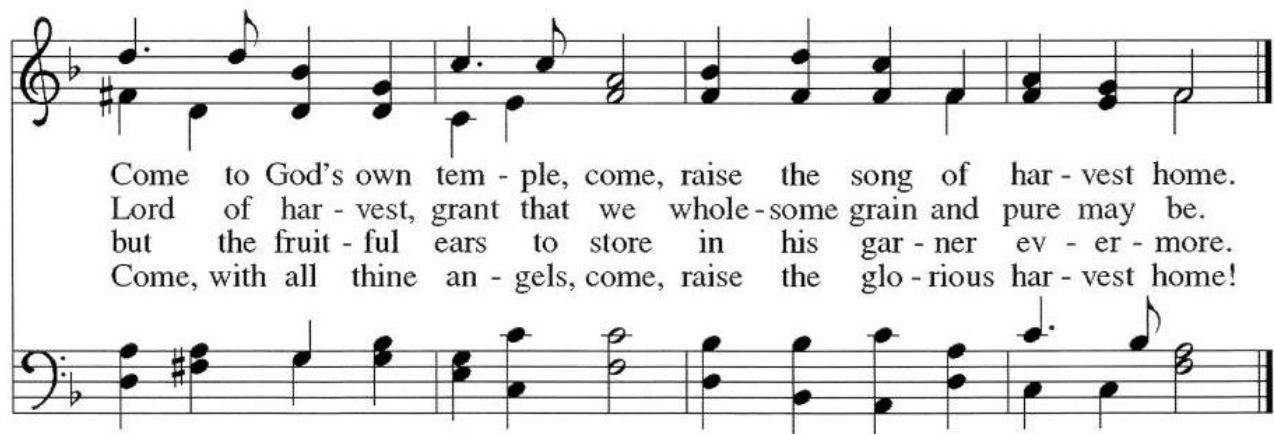
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

# THE FEAST

## Setting the Table

*Children will lead us 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

You give us every good thing for food, O Lord, including yourself in the bread and cup which we share in this meal. Feed us on your goodness and mercy, that we might be living compassion to all whom we encounter.

As we gather we remember, that 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."

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and forever. Amen.**

**From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. Amen.**

## *Invitation to the Meal*

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

## *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*

Let us pray, **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

### *Purpose Sightings*

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

*MILESTONES! Just A Closer Walk with Thee – Chorus Only*

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes a 'Refrain' section with three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes a 'Ref.' (Refrain) section with three verses of lyrics. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional  
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

### Final Blessing

May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. May the LORD show you his favor and give you peace.

### Sending Song – Mighty Is Our God

# 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 Dmaj<sup>7</sup> E

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

5 A A/C# F#m Last time to Coda  $\text{⌘}$  E/F# F#m Bm<sup>7</sup> D/E E A 1, 3.

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

**VERSE**

9 2. G<sup>2</sup> D D/A A

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

13 G<sup>2</sup>

His pow'r is great - er, — for

15 D/F# Dmaj<sup>7</sup> E D/E D.C. al Coda

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

18  $\text{⌘}$  Coda Bm<sup>7</sup> D/E E A

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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