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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – "The Stand"

"Awesome God"

The Stand

Words and Music by Joel Houston

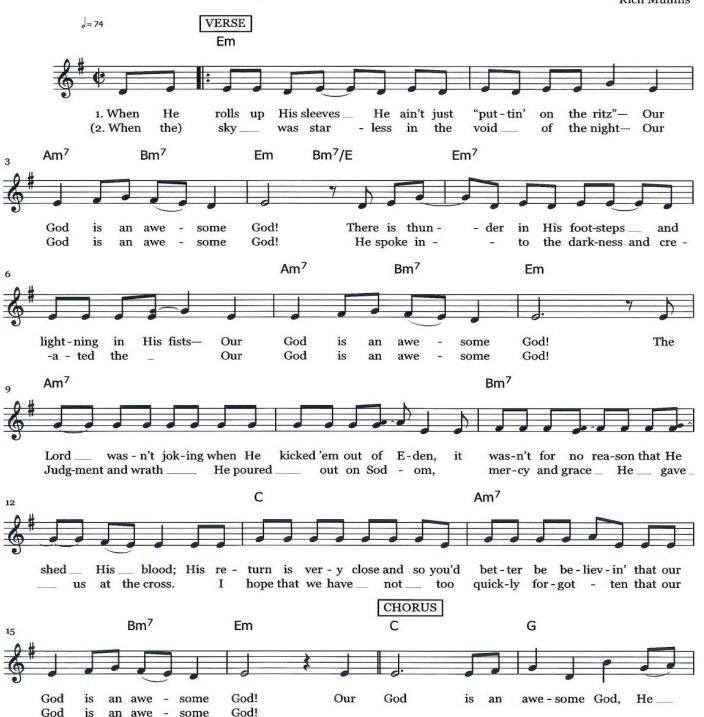


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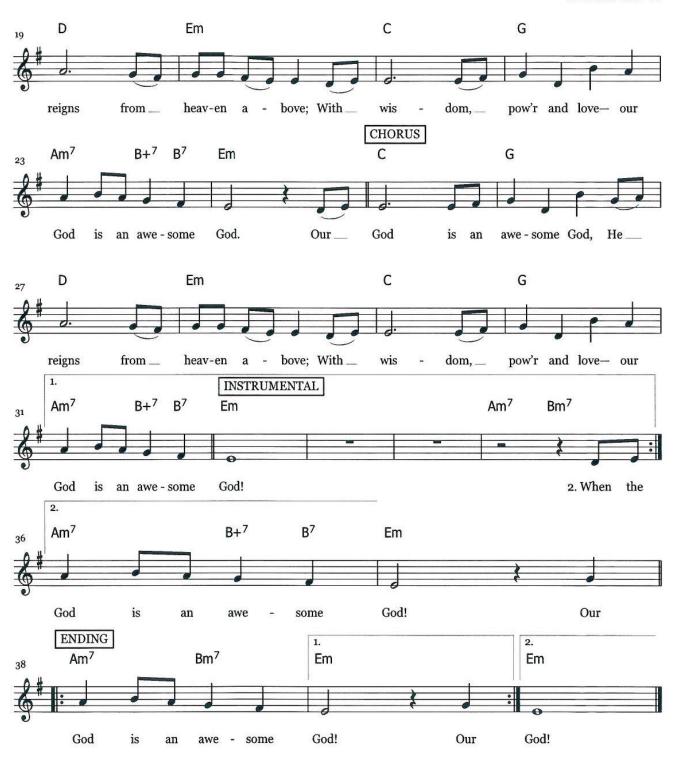


Awesome God

Words and Music by Rich Mullins



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Introduce the Theme with Kids (Give kids the Kid's Bulletin when done)

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

(Please Stand) No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

Your stirring of our hearts and our lives is unsettling and disruptive. Transform our lives through seeing Jesus Christ in the lives of people we do not know and do not like. Change us, Holy Spirit, through the lives of other people. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.

"Awesome God" to bring people back together.

(Still Standing) Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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.**

(Still Standing)

Song "Kyrie"



Prayer of the Day

Loving Creator,

You have made everything wondrously and for your good purpose. Make us responsible stewards of your creation, and willing proclaimers of your love which infuses all things. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Genesis 1:1-5.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,

All: 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.

Narrator: Then God said,

All: "Let there be light";

Narrator: and there was light.

All: And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Narrator: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

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

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

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Women: "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?'

Men: For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed, your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

All: "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song After Sermon - "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Special Music by Mara Pollmann

Worship Leader: As Mara sings, write your prayers on the small purple piece of paper given to you. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Prayers of the People

Worship Leader: Gathered together as the people of God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people and places in need of God's grace and mercy...

Prayers given to the pray-ers will be prayed out loud, anonymously. Every 3-4 petitions will end with:

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

When the 2 pray-ers are done with petitions, the worship leader concludes the prayers...

Worship Leader: Gracious and merciful God, we trust you with these prayers just as we trust you with our lives. Hear them and continue speaking to us every day. We are in need of your grace, the grace we only know through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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 click "give" & go from there.

You may remain seated as the offering is collected. At the end of the offering, kids please meet at the back to help Pastor Janine set the table.

(Please stand as you are able while the gifts/offering is brought forward.)

Song "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (verse 3)

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table holding hands 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.

(Stay Standing)

Words of Institution

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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."

The Lord's Prayer (Written by Parker J. Palmer)

Worship Leader: 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.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,

Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,

Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence

Beyond the evil of our days —

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

(Please be Seated)

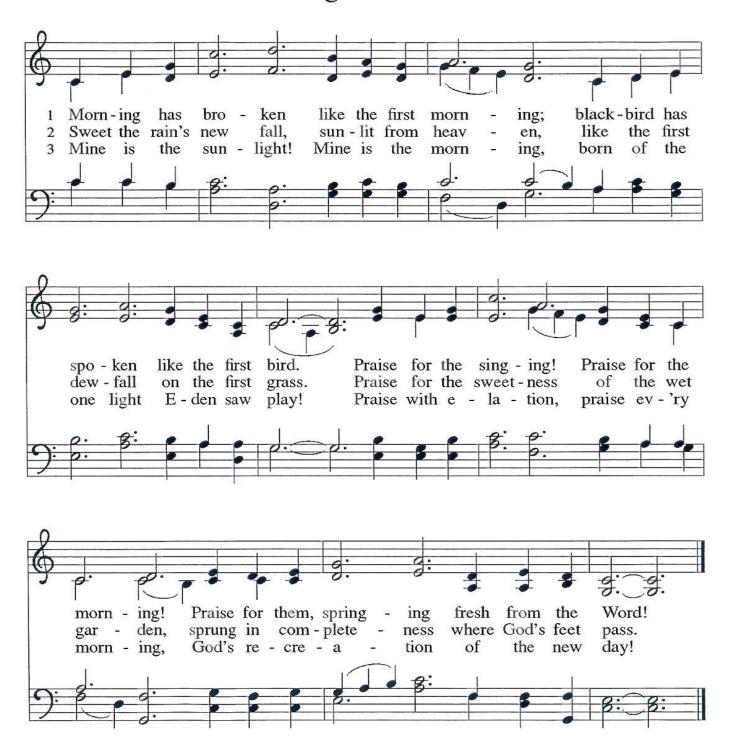
Invitation to the Meal

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.

Communion Songs/Hymns "Morning Has Broken"

"This Is My Father's World"

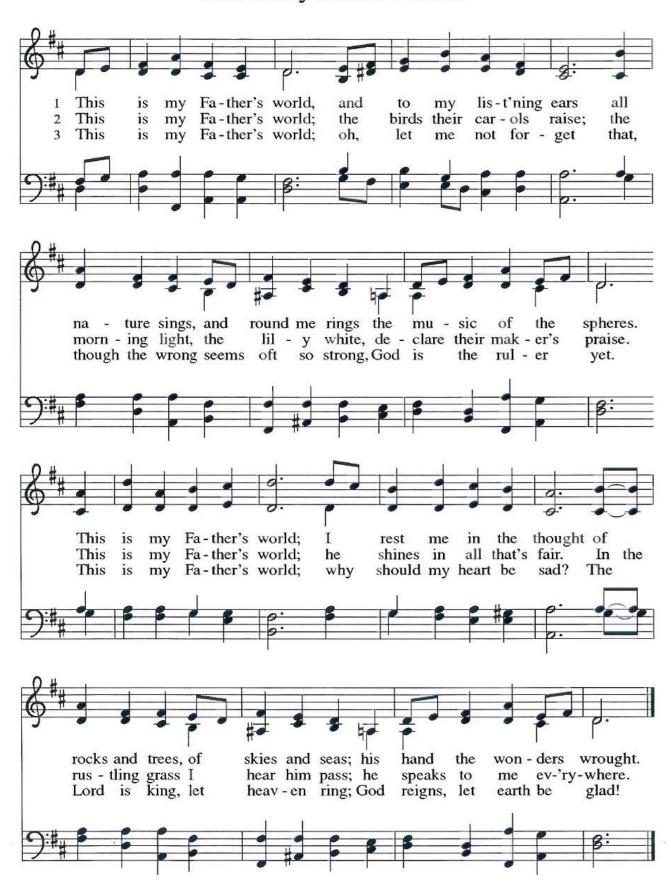
Morning Has Broken



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This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

(Please Stand)

Blessing after Communion

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

THE SENDING

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

(Please Be Seated)

Purpose Sightings

Worship Leader: Don't forget to grab your copy of The Current on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in The Current. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "On Eagles Wings"

The congregation will sing before Milestones – (verse 1 & chorus)

It's time for milestones, a time of sharing milestones in our community. If you have a big, small, good, or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.

After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!"

On Eagle's Wings

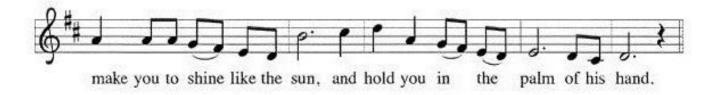


You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



(Please Stand)

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen

Sending Song "Mighty is our God"
(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

Mighty Is Our God

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



Go in peace – serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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