



Isaac Born
to Sarah

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – “Indescribable” & “Blessed Be Your Name”

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.

17 **CHORUS 1 & 2** 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,

26 C B \flat 2 Dm

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

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

2. INTERLUDE 1a


35 B \flat^2 Gm 7 F E \flat maj 7

35 B \flat^2 Gm 7 F E \flat maj 7

ing, — God. —


You are a - maz - ing, — God. —

40 A \flat



41 42

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



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. —

D.S. al Coda

49 Φ Coda $B\flat^2$ $C/B\flat$ $B\flat^2$ $B\flat^2$ $C/B\flat$ $B\flat^2$ $C/B\flat$

ing, _ God. _

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

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

59 **ENDING** $B\flat^2$ 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. _

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by
Matt Redman and Beth Redman

♩ = 116

VERSE

A

E

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the

3

F#m7

D

A

land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun -
found in the des - ert place, though I walk through the wil -
sun's shin - ing down on me, when the world's "all as it
road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's pain in the of -

6

E

D

1, 3.

- dance flow, bless - ed be Your name.
- der - ness, bless - ed be Your name.
should be." bless - ed be Your name.
- fer - ing, bless - ed be Your name.

9 PRE-CHORUS

2, 4.

A E F#m⁷

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to

13 D A E F#m⁷

praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will

17 CHORUS D A E F#m⁷

say, "Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your name.

21 D A E

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your

24 F#m⁷ E D Last time to Coda 1. (D.C.)

glo - ri - ous name."

27 A E F#m⁷ BRIDGE

You give and take a - way, You give and take a -

31 D A E

-way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord,

34 F#m⁷ D D 2. D.S. al Coda

Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

37 Coda D A

Coda

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

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

(Please Stand) No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger,

Help us to see the each other through your eyes. When we see with the eyes of judgement, give us your compassion. When we see with eyes of envy, give us your wisdom. When we see with eyes of indifference, give us your love. When we fail to see the hurting people in our path, give us your vision. Equip us, Holy Spirit, to share your compassion, wisdom and love with everyone we meet – no exceptions. 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.*

"Blessed Be Your Name" to bring people back together.

(Still Standing) Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit has brought us to this place today.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the hope of our children, the one who gives us the ability to "go out".

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess to the world, to each other and to ourselves that God is God – and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. As a called and ordained minister in the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name **✝** of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
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)

Prayer of the Day

All Powerful God

In you all things are possible. Give us the ability to trust in your promises, even when our wisdom eyes deceives us. Give us the courage to share the stories of your power at loose in the world today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said,

Side 1: "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant."

Narrator: So they said,

Side 2: "Do as you have said."

Narrator: And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said,

Side 1: "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

Narrator: Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him,

Side 2: “Where is your wife Sarah?”

Narrator: And he said,

Side 1: “There, in the tent.”

Narrator: Then one said,

Side 1: “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Narrator: And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,

Side 2 (Sarah): “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?”

Narrator: The Lord said to Abraham,

Side 1: “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Narrator: But Sarah denied, saying,

Side 2 (Sarah): “I did not laugh”;

Narrator: for she was afraid. He said,

Side 1: “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Narrator: The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said,

Side 2 (Sarah): “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.”

Narrator: And she said,

Side 2 (Sarah): “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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 Mark.

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Side 1: Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

Side 2: It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

All: Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song After Sermon "How Great is our God"

Worship Leader: *As we sing, 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*

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
and Ed Cash

♩ = 76

VERSE

A

F#m⁷

1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

D²

Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

A

F#m⁷

Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

D²

and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

CHORUS

A

F#m⁷

is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Dmaj⁷

E

A²

Fine

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

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1. BRIDGE
A

2. And Name a - bove _____ all names, _

24 $F\#m^7$ $Dmaj^7$

wor - thy of _____ all praise. _ My heart will sing: _ How great .

27 1. E A

_____ is our God! _____

30 2. E A

_____ is our God! _____

D.S. al Fine

How great

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: Life Giving God,
All: **Hear our prayer**

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

Worship Leader: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

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

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)

Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

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

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.*

**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.

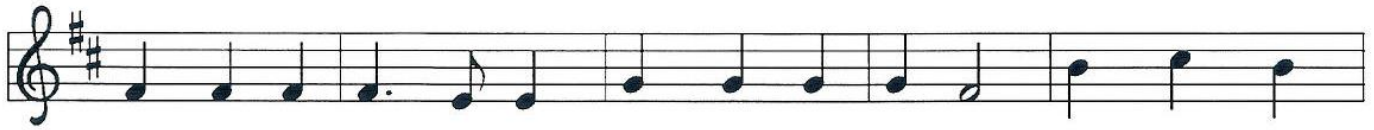
(Please be Seated)

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 "Great is thy Faithfulness"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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

MILESTONES!

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!"

(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 "Lord, Reign in Me"

(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

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, _

INSTRUMENTAL

15 Dm⁷ F G C G F



— so won't You reign in me a - gain.

CHORUS 1b

19 Am⁷ G F 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 – serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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