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WELCOME

"God of Wonders"

[Verse 1]

Lord of all creation
Of the water, earth and sky
The Heavens are Your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

[Chorus 1]

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy

[Bridge 1]

Lord of Heaven and Earth
Lord of Heaven and Earth

[Verse 2]

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And when I stumble into darkness
I will call Your name by night

[Chorus 1]

[Bridge 1]

[Bridge 2]

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and earth

[Chorus 2]

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me
Father, hold me; hold me
The universe declares your majesty
You are holy, holy

[Bridge 2]

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CONFESSON OF SINS

Worship Leader: Today's message is based on the 8th Commandment. This is the 8th Commandment and Martin Luther's explanation of it:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray them, slander them, or hurt their reputation, but defend them, speak well of them, and take their words and actions in the kindest possible way.

Sometimes keeping the 8th Commandment can be quite difficult. I can think that I'm making use of my "right to free speech" and "speaking the truth." Yet, the feelings in my heart may tell a different story. Although I'm using "free speech," perhaps I'm using it to tell a lie about someone or intentionally hurt the person's reputation. Perhaps I'm "speaking truth" as a means of getting revenge on someone. Thankfully, God has Paul shares commentary on the 8th Commandment with us in his letter to the Galatians,

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1, 2).

God has blessed us with one another, and he expects—rather he commands—that we take care of each other, just as Jesus did for us. Having been spit on, hung on a cross between two criminals, and just before they gambled over his clothing, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they no not what they do."

We come to confess our sins—all of them; not just when we do not practice the 8th Commandment properly. We also pray for those who may have sinned against us, asking God to forgive them as well. Let us take a moment to privately confess and pray to our loving heavenly father:

(Silence for private confession and prayer)

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you in more ways than I can count. I have sinned in my thoughts, by my words and with my actions. There are times I have not forgiven as you have forgiven me. Forgive me for my sins, show mercy according to your unfailing love, and take away my guilt. Change my heart, oh God. Help me and give me strength to love like you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. May the God of hope fill you with the peace and joy that comes only through his forgiveness and give you his strength to live according to his will. Amen.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 3:8-16

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech."

¹¹ *"They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and*

his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.

"Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry and began to pick some heads of grain and eat them.

² When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, "Look! Your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath."

³ He answered, "Haven't you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?

⁴ "He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was

not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.⁵ Or haven't you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent?

⁶ "I tell you that something greater than the temple is here.⁷ If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the innocent."

"JESUS PAID IT ALL"

[Verse 1]

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me your all in all."

[Chorus]

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

[Verse 2]

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

And when before the throne,
I stand in him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
my lips will still repeat:

[Chorus]

[Bridge]
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow;
He washed it white as snow;
He washed it white as snow.

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead.
Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead.

[Chorus]

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GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY: **REPUTATION**

A recent survey indicated “high anxiety among Americans during COVID-19 pandemic.” In addition to anxiety caused by COVID-19, all of us may have other anxiety-causing matters before us in our personal lives. And so, considering what’s going on related to COVID-19 and other matters, some have commented, “It’s a crazy time.”

*How does one make it through such a time as this?
How do Christians travel this part of the journey of their lives?*

The Bible tells us about a large group of God’s people on a journey. They were the Nation of Israel after God rescued them from slavery in Egypt. They had present and future challenges before them. However, they were blessed with relationship with God and with one another. To use the current slogan, they were “in it together.”

But how did they make their way? How did they do the journey?

The Bible tells us that God guided them. One of the ways through which God guided Israel was through what we call the Ten Commandments. God used the Ten Commandments to direct Israel in their relationship with him and with one another.

For this year’s summer message series—during this “crazy time”—may God use our exploration of the Ten Commandments to guide us through this segment of our life’s journey.

Exodus 20:16

“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

PRAYER

Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer, followed by:

All: 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.

"I WILL Go"

[Verse 1]

Standing in the place
Where doubt and faith collide
 Staring in the face
 Of fear that has to die
When You call my name
 There's only one reply
 No I won't wait
I'll give You my whole life.

[Verse 2]

I've packed my bags
And now I'm heading out
 No I won't look back
 Until the lost are found
'Cause I've been losing sleep
 Over the least of these
 And I'll find Your riches
 Among poverty.

[Chorus]

I will go where You send me
 To the ends of the earth
Just say the word and I'll go
I will go where You lead me
 I'll follow Your heart
 Wherever You are I'll go

[Chorus]

[Bridge]x2
In Your name the blind will see
The lame will walk the bound are free
 In Your name the darkness hides
The mountains move the dead will rise
 In Your name. In Your name.

[Chorus]x2

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BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

*-***UPDATED***-* If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the this series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify. This playlist will be updated throughout the series.

----- “Grace CREWW – Guidance for the Journey”



You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:

WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:



*Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. 😊

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