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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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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: It can be frustrating to see a person or a team win because they cheated. They didn't win fair and square, so they didn't win. This idea of being cheated, the idea that we have been wronged, can be a good sign from your conscience; but it can also be used as a trick by the devil to get us to sin. In our message today we will hear of a generous boss who pays everyone the same, but people felt cheated. They felt entitled. They thought they deserved more. Yet, how often is this true for our everyday lives? We may feel like we deserve the world, but we are only being led astray. We deserve nothing, yet because of a gracious God we have received everything. So let us give all the credit, all the honor, all the glory, and *even all our sin*—to God. He wants that too. We confess our sins and hear again that forgiveness is ours as a free gift from our ever-loving and everlasting Savior.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have sinned. Some of my own thoughts and emotions have led me to sin—whether by thought, word, or deed. I didn't trust in you; I trusted in myself. Have mercy on me Lord, not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Forgive me for all that I have done and give me strength to be generous 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. You are a dearly loved child of God. Go in peace knowing your sins are forgiven. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways and the
unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to
the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and
to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,” declares the
LORD.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:18b-27

The important thing is that in every way,
whether from false motives or true, Christ is
preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know
that through your prayers and God’s provision
of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened
to me will turn out for my deliverance.

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way
be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so
that now as always Christ will be exalted in my
body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me,
to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go
on living in the body, this will mean fruitful
labor for me. Yet what shall I choose?

I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I
desire to depart and be with Christ, which is
better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you
that I remain in the body.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain,
and I will continue with all of you for your
progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through
my being with you again your boasting in Christ
Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a
manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then,
whether I come and see you or only hear about
you in my absence, I will know that you stand
firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one
for the faith of the gospel.

"HE KNOWS MY NAME"

[Verse 1]

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands.

[Verse 2]

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go.

[Chorus] x2

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call

[Chorus] x2

And He hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

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MESSAGE:

THE STORY OF THE MOST GENEROUS BOSS EVER

God's grace—God's attitude toward us of unmerited love...that, when we think about it from our human way of assessing things, doesn't make sense.

Nevertheless, we are so glad and thankful that "grace" is God's attitude toward us!

MATTHEW 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages,

beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

PRAYER

Vicar David will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

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.

“YOU ARE MY VISION”

[Verse 1]

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord
You are my best thought
by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping,
Your presence, my light.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 2]

You are my wisdom, You are my true word,
I ever with You, and You with me Lord:
You're my great Father and
I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me,
together we're one.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 4]

I don't want riches or man's empty praise:
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You, and You only,
the first in my heart:
High King of heaven,
my treasure You are.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 5]

High King of heaven, when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

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BLESSING

WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

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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