

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

10 am

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come into God's presence and shout with the heavens:

Our God is very great!

Clothed with honor and wrapped in glorious light:

Our God is very great!

Stretching out the heavens and shaping the earth,
raising up the mountains and pouring water into the seas:

Our God is very great!

Calling forth plants from the soil and forming animals in infinite variety,
breathing upon us and filling us with life:

Our God is very great!

Serving tirelessly and caring endlessly,
overwhelming us with never-ending generosity:

Our God is very great! We stand in awe of all that God has done.

Based on Psalm 104

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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Verse 1

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! **(Refrain)**

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

We stand in awe at Your greatness, O God. All creation reminds us of the Master Artist who has shaped us and all that is around us. Today we lift our gratitude and praise to You. Because You have made us - forming us from the dust of the ground and breathing Your life into us - You know us and our needs better than we know ourselves. As we worship, meet us in our places of need. Renew us by Your Spirit. Then send us into Your world, trusting not in ourselves, but in Your greatness and great love for us. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

A Message for Young Disciples

Proclamation and Response

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Gospel Readings

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15 (NRSV)

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Grounded Faith: Dirt

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

Joys & Concerns

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.
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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

You Say

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Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know, ooh

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me, I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now is ev'rything You think of me

In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You'll have ev'ry failure God, you'll have ev'ry victory

Ending

Oh I believe, yes I believe
What You say of me, I believe

Sending Forth

Announcements

PreSchool registrations

VBS Registrations open May 1st – stay tuned for more information

Benediction

Postlude