



*“Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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Welcome

Organ Prelude

*God of Our Fathers*

George Warren

*God of Our Fathers* by David Paxton, George William Warren  
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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established

Many: **what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals  
that you care for them?**

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and  
crowned them with glory and honor.

Many: **You have given them dominion over the works of your  
hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

***ALL: O LORD, OUR SOVEREIGN, HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL  
THE EARTH!***

### \* Opening Prayer

### \* Opening Hymn

*O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic*

# 112

*How Majestic is Your Name* by Michael W. Smith

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○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

○ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

○ Lord, (our Lord, ○ our Lord,) we praise Your name.

○ Lord, (We magnify your name, ○ Lord,) we magnify Your name,

Prince of peace, mighty God, ○ Lord, God Almighty.

# CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

## Time with our Children

### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 139:13-16 (NRSVUE)

- <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.

### Song

#### *Build Your Kingdom Here*

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*Build Your Kingdom Here* by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron  
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#### *Verse 1:*

Come set your rule, and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.  
We are your church; we need your pow'r in us.

#### *Verse 2:*

We seek your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;  
refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released,  
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,  
we lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are your church; we pray, revive this earth.

*Refrain:*

*Build your kingdom here. Let the evil fear.*

*Show your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.*

*Set your church on fire. Win your people back.*

*Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray!*

*Verse 3:*

Unleash your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this;

awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are your church; we are the hope on earth.

*Refrain (2x)*

## Pastoral Prayer

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

#### Thoughts on Giving

We thank God for the gifts that belong not to us alone, but to our sisters and brothers, since they too, are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with us.

### LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

#### Special Music

#### *Offertory in A*

David Paxton

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#### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-2:3 (*NRSVUE*)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all

the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

## **Response to the Word** *Open the Eyes That I May See* # 7 3 8 VT

### *Verse 1:*

Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### *Verse 2:*

Open my ears that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,

and while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Verse 3:*

Open my mouth and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Sermon**

“In God’s Image”

## GO IN GOD’S NAME

**\* Closing Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art (vv. 1-2)*

# 436 VT

*How Great Thou Art* by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine

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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 pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

*Refrain:*

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

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us*

George Webb

For this Thy house we praise Thee, reared at Thine own command,  
For every generous spirit and every willing hand;  
Ane now within Thy temple Thy glory let us see,  
For all its strength and beauty are nothing without Thee.

As oft as here we gather, and hearts in worship blend,  
May truth reveal its power, and fervent prayer ascend;  
Here may the busy toiler rise to the things above;  
The young, the old be strengthened, and all may learn Thy love.

\* Please stand as able and led



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