



August 28, 2022
Grounding
Psalm 139

Prelude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Pierre La Plante
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Welcome

Opening Words Worship Ways (Adapted)

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God.

Many: **Our God moves among us.**

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God.

Many: **Our God moves among us.**

One: Watch and listen, for God is here.

Many: **Our God moves among us.**

Opening Hymn NCH #12 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of Invocation Worship Ways

Holy and gracious God,
let us be open to your presence among your people,
those gathered for worship,
and all of your people, throughout your creation.
May we receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly. Amen.

Opening Response Binder #25 "Be Still and Know"

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Emma Martinez
"The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster
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Reading:

Psalm 139 (CEB_Common English Bible)

Lord, you have examined me.

You know me.

You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.
You study my traveling and resting.
You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.
You surround me—front and back.
You put your hand on me.
That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape your presence?
If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave,[a] you would be there too!
If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;
the light will become night around me,"
even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright as day,
because darkness is the same as light to you!

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Jim McKee

Hymn NCH # 472 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we
bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #90 "Christ Be With You"

Benediction

Postlude "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas Dorsey/arr. Jack Schrader

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