

Peace UCC
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Then Sings My Soul

Prelude "How Great Thou Art"

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Welcome

Opening Words

One: O Lord my God, I stand in awe at your greatness.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

One: Your being is clothed with honor and majesty and robed in light

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, making the winds your messengers, and fire and flame your servants.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

One: How great are your works, O God!

In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

One: In thanksgiving, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

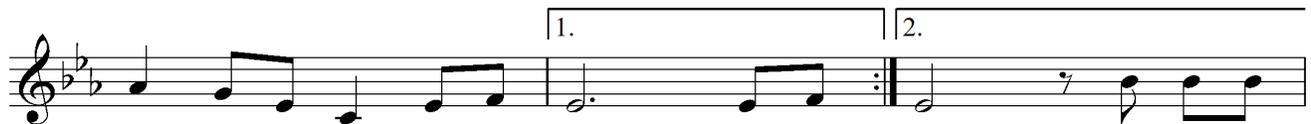
Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.



There's a spir - it of love in this place, there's a spir - it of love in this
pres ence of peace in this room, there's a pres ence of peace in this



place. You can't see it, but it's there, just as pre-cious as the air. There's a
room. In God's ten - der-ness is found peacethat pass - es hu-man bounds. There's a



spir - it of love in this place. There's a room. O al - le -
pres - ence of peace in this



lu - ia, ___ sing al - le - lu - ia! We bless your ho - ly ___



name. O al - le - lu - ia, ___ sing al - le - lu - ia! There's a



spir - it of love in this place.

Opening Response “There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place” Mark A. Miller

Prayer of Invocation

God our Mother,
Living Water,
River of Mercy,
Source of Life,
in whom we live
and move
and have our being,
who quenches our thirst,
refreshes our weariness,
bathes
and washes
and cleanses
our wounds,
be for us always
a fountain of life,
and for all the world
a river of hope
springing up in the midst
of the deserts of despair.
Honor and blessing,
glory and praise
to You forever.
Amen.

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Readings:

Psalm 148:5

Let them praise the name of the Holy One,
For God commanded and they were created

Psalms For the Struggle: Get Excited by Julia Seymour

Let’s get excited about God!

You jaguars and grizzly bears, roar to the One who made and keeps you.

Let’s dance with divine inspiration!

You dolphins and frogs, leap with joy toward the highest heaven.

Let’s sing together song of salvation!

You wolves and red-tailed hawks, exult in your freedom and belovedness.

Let’s worship the Spirit who brings order out of chaos.

You sea otters and kangaroos, give thanks with your whole being.

Let’s listen to the Love that is the source of all healing.

You pronghorns and pandas, rest in the everlasting arms of provision.

Let’s celebrate grace, unearned concession freely and generously given!

You snails and blue whales, embrace your vocations.

Let's praise God as a united creation!

You siblings and friends, you neighbors and strangers, you ascetics and revlers,

Let us praise the Holy One – eternal Love poured out in, among and for us.

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

Sermon Time

Christine Rohloff

“God of the Sparrow” Rev. Wendy Bruner

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the neighbor

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

Carol Reinhart

“How Great Thou Art” Rev. Wendy Bruner

Oh 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

Chorus

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

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 see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

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.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Benediction

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