

Worshiping God, the Righteous Judge!

PRELUDE Two Settings of *In dulci jubilo* Marcel Dupré and J. S. Bach
Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Billy Stulac, Ariana Stout, guitar;
Greg Wagener, bass

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended; took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law; In Him we stand.

What a foretaste of deliv'rance how unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.
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***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Nehemiah 9:6, Hebrews 12:28

Pastor: You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

People: **Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.**

***THEY WERE OVERJOYED** No. 226 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Romans 1:18-21

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For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Romans 5:6

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

*OUR SINS THEY ARE MANY

His Mercy Is More

VERSE

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

-ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af -

1, 2.

TURNAROUND

shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
-ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

CHORUS

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, ____ His mer - cy is
3. What

more. _____ Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. ____ Our

1.

2.

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

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GOD REVEALS HIS WORK Acts 14:26-27

From there they sailed to antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of god for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that god had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the gentiles.

Brian & Sheryl Roby - Scotland

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 146:5

Jeff Scheibe, Elder

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP 1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love*

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love, too vast and astounding to tell,
Forever existing in worlds above, now offered and given to all.
Oh fountain of beauty eternal, the Father, the Spirit, the Son.
Sufficient and endlessly generous, magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness, the mountains exultant they stand.
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness, all life is sustained by Your hand.
You crown every meadow with color, You paint every shade in the sky.
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Chorus: How great how sure His love endures forevermore.
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace that You entered our brokenness, You came in the fullness of time.
How far we had fallen from righteousness, but not from the mercies of Christ.
Your cross is our door to redemption, Your death is our fullness of life.
That day how forgiveness flowed as a flood; magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
(*Chorus*)

United in Your resurrection, You lift us to infinite heights.
Could anything sever or take us from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love? (*Chorus*)

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD	Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SCRIPTURE TEXT	2 Peter 3:1-18 page 1019 in the pew Bible
SERMON TITLE	<i>Let Scoffers Scoff</i>

***HE WILL KEEP US No. 705** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Reprise: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Let Scoffers Scoff

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2 Peter 3:1-18 | page 1019 in the pew Bible

How must you respond to scoffing about Christ's Second Coming?

1. You must expect it

2. You must reject it

*Congregation please rise

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