

Church of the Harvest (ARP)
Order of Worship
Sunday, October 13, 2024

Theme: The Majestic Creator Cares for His People

We Gather to Worship God

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- * CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 8
God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, what is man that you are mindful of him?

Leader: Yet you crowned him with glory and honor

People: O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is your name in all the earth!

- * OPENING PRAYER
We respond to God's gracious invitation by asking Him to empower and receive our worship

- * SONG OF PRAISE
God's people have always worshiped Him in song, and we join our voices with theirs to give Him praise as our Creator and Redeemer.

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come into God's presence, we see ourselves as we are and at his invitation, we confess our sins individually and together.

(Unison) "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens." Your creation is beautiful and testifies to your glory. You have crowned men and women with glory and honor and given them dominion over the earth. Yet, sin has marred your image in us, and we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of

possessions and people. We have not given praise where praise was due. Forgive us, Father, for not loving you with our whole heart and mind and strength not loving our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us now, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Jeremiah 33:8
God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
In gratitude to God, we give back a portion of what he has entrusted to us for the work of His kingdom.

- * DOXOLOGY
We celebrate what God has done, giving Him all the credit for it.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
We express our hearts to God on behalf of God's people for grace and mercy especially for the hurting, needy, and broken.

(Unison) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION PG 8A
We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.

Yahweh, Our God, How Majestic (Psalm 8)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 8 (ESV)
The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.

MESSAGE Rev. Ken Bush
God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

"God's Majestic Name"

We Respond to God's Call

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism
We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.

Question 26: What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Answer: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father. In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION HG 80
We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

LORD'S SUPPER
We welcome all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus for salvation and who are members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel to take the Lord's Supper with us.

The tinted cups in the center are grape juice and the clear cups around the outside contain Port wine.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

HG 37

We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

How Great Our God's Majestic Name

We Depart to Serve God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We depart with and challenge and a final "good word" as reminders of the grace given to us in the Gospel.

* Please Stand. Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. ▪ CCLI #20061381.

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings: If you have tithes and offerings that you wish to give to the Lord as a part of your worship, please place them in the basket located on the Welcome Table.

Fellowship Meal: Join us for a time of food and fellowship after the service on October 27th (Reformation Sunday). There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table for those willing to bring something to share. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Samantha Parker.

Previous Sermons: Previous messages are located at <https://sermons.faithlife.com/profile/cotha-1>.

Prayer for the Coming Year: That the Lord would:

1. Lead us to a church planting intern/associate pastor.
2. Provide additional musicians to support live music.
3. Lead the seekers and believers that he wants at the Church of the Harvest.



We appreciate that you took the time to visit and join us for worship.

Reflections on Psalm 8

Creation and Redemption Are Drawn Together in This Psalm: This psalm gives thanks to God for two excellent benefits bestowed on humankind: creation in Adam and restoration in Christ. Although that man, Adam, by his own fault tarnished that preeminence in which he was created, still vestiges of that dignity survive. In that he is preeminent over all beasts and has a certain power of life and death over them, and also in that special providence by which God embraces humankind. But in that second state, the eternal Son of God has exalted human nature—having been assumed in the unity of his person—after all human infirmity had been laid on him, so that he would make all believers partakers of his dignity. To them alone he grants that in this life they should have the light of true wisdom and that they may enjoy all created things in this world with good conscience. That is the true goal of this psalm, as interpreted by the Holy Spirit himself.