

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 66:1-4*
Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

* **God's Greeting**

* **LORD, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name** #8:1,3 (PH)
LORD, our Lord, your glorious name
All your wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore your glory shines.
How great your name!

Refrain: LORD, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great your name!
Yours the name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth.
How great your name!

Moon and stars in shining height
Nightly tell their Maker's might;
When I view the heavens afar,
Then I know how small we are.
How great your name! *Refrain*

* **Great Is the Lord**

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord!
Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord!
I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

* indicates to stand if able

* **Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Call to Confession

As we sing and celebrate who God is and what God has done, it is appropriate for us to be taken aback, perhaps even chastened, to fall on our faces with Moses and Isaiah and Paul in worship. Let us humble ourselves now in a time of confession.

Prayer of Confession

God, we confess that sometimes we come into your presence feeling a bit like Job. We know you are sovereign, but we think you are not treating us fairly. We believe you are hiding from us. We long for the “good old days” when our fellowship with you was close and sweet. Frankly, we think we have lived good, moral lives. And then we see you. And when we see you, we are silenced by your authority. We say with Job:

I am unworthy—how can I reply to you?
I put my hand over my mouth.
I spoke once, but I have no answer –
twice, but I will say no more.
“My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.
Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”
Amen.

Reformation Hymn

We will trust God’s Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand while his Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone, clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ and his finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed
And made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone,
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore!

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church he redeemed
And made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!
(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Memli & Luisa

Morning Prayer

* **Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

* **Scripture:** *Romans 11:33-36 (ESV)* pg. 1188

³³ *Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

³⁴ *“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”*

³⁵ *“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”*

³⁶ *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Why Did God...?*

* **To God Be the Glory** #473:1,3 (PH)

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life gate that we may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Awesome God**

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love,
Our God is an awesome God. *Repeat All*

Why Did God...?

Romans 11:33-36

The glory of God and creation.

The glory of God and Gospel.

Implications and applications.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system. Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert W

Prayer: Ryan B, Wes V

Music: Lee V, Nancy Z

Offering: Memli and Luiza are missionaries in Albania serving with Disciples of Jesus Church. They have been called by God and sent out by their church to plant churches among 50 unreached Muslim villages in southern Albania.

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