

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday February 4, 2018 10:00am

MORNING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

**Underqualified: *Moses' Story and Ours*
*"I Can't!"***

SONG The Crestview Ringers play this familiar hymn to begin our worship. While we enjoy a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ and his Holy Spirit, we also realize there is the awe and reverence that should also be part of our worship of God, the supreme holiness and greatness of who God really is. Like Moses, we must fear and worship and love God; first and last, thinking magnificently of Him!

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love. 3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small, in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee. 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

SONG The Crestview Ringers offer another hymn of praise. With God's help we become victorious over strife and are "lifted to the joy divine" as we daily show more love to others.

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day! All Your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays, stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise;

field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain praising you eternally!

THE APOSTLES' CREED The Apostles' Creed, though not written by the apostles, is the oldest creed of the Christian church and is the basis for others that followed. In its oldest form, the Apostles' Creed goes back to at least 140 A.D. Many of the early church leaders summed up their beliefs as they had an opportunity to stand for their faith—see, for example, 1 Timothy 6:12. These statements developed into a more standard form to express one's confession of faith at the time of baptism. It is not Scripture, but it is a simple list of the great doctrines of the faith.

The word "catholic" means "relating to the church universal" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed. It does not mean the Roman Catholic Church, but the church, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship. The phrase, "He descended into hell," was not part of the creed in its earliest form.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SONG Read 2 Samuel 7:22 *"How great you are, O Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you.* While the world gives glory to many things other than God, this song helps us offer to God the Glory due his name alone!

Verse 1

**Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be
You were the King of Kings, yes You were, yes You were
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing**

Chorus

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God, forever (x2)

Verse 2

**Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name, all my days, all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of the King**

Chorus

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God, forever (x2)

Bridge

Take my life and let it be All for You and for Your glory

Take my life and let it be Yours. (x2)

We sing... (back to Chorus)

CONFESSION: As Moses was wrestling with God's request to lead the Israelites from captivity to the promised land, he was focusing on HIS weaknesses and not on God's power and presence to lead and support him. Today's confession speaks to this...

Leader: Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades

under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.

People: Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as by our words.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Read 2 Corinthians 3:17—*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.* Here's a prayer: Father, I praise you through Jesus, you have removed the veil of doubt from my mind so that I might understand your Word more clearly. You have removed the veil of bondage from my heart so that I might live in freedom before you. You have removed the veil of darkness from my face so that I might reflect your light to others. Help me to live boldly for you, realizing that you have placed me here to fill the world with the hope and glory of Christ.

Leader: The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. All of us, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

SCRIPTURE/SERMON: Read Exodus 4: 10-12. Moses pleaded with God to let him out of his mission. After all, he was not a good speaker and would probably embarrass both himself and God. But God looked at Moses' problem quite differently. All Moses needed was some help, and who better than God could help him say and do the right things. It is easy for us to focus on our weaknesses, but if God asks us to do something, then he will help us get the job done. If the job involves some of our weak areas, then we can trust that he will provide words, strength, courage, and ability where needed.

OFFERING MUSIC: While this anthem uses the tune "Bunessan", it uses words from another tune (less familiar to us today---"St. Patrick's Breastplate", which is based on Ephesians 6:10-17 (*The Armor of God*)). Here's a prayer: We thank you Father, that you have not left your church defenseless. Rather, you have called us to the battle-ground of prayer and have fully equipped us for the task. Now strengthen us each day to carry forward the gospel of Christ as we wage war against the evil one. Teach us to preach, to pray and to persevere; and as the dust settles after each victory, may we be found standing our ground, prepared for the next foray into battle!

Bread of the World in mercy broken. Wine of the Soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token, that by your grace our souls are fed! Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, one in Three; Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.

FINAL SONG: Go back to the top note for Immortal and Invisible. In a similar thought, we can sometimes lose sight of the greatness and the awe and fear that we should have of God. We become so familiar that sometimes we lose the sense of the awe and wonder of the greatness of God. Also, when we think of the greatness of God, we can lose sight of the personal side of God. Therein lies the mystery and beauty of the greatness of our God. He is both big and small to us. No sky can contain Him, and no matter how big and grand He is, there's nothing that can separate us from the love of God. This song reminds us that God is great enough to be in control of every situation of our life, but small enough to be involved in the smallness of our life. No matter how big He is, God has personal, individual and crafted love for each one of us.

Verse 1:

**Give me eyes to see more of who You are. May what I behold still my anxious heart.
Take what I have known and break it all apart cause you my God are greater still.**

Chorus:

**No sky contains no doubt re-strains all You are the greatness of our God.
I spend my life to know and I'm far from close to all You are
The greatness of our God**

Verse 2:

**Give me grace to see beyond this moment here
To believe that there is nothing left to fear
That You alone are high above it all you my God are greater still**

Chorus:

Bridge:

**And there is nothing that can ever separate us
There is nothing that can ever separate us from Your love
No life, no death, of this I am convinced you my God are greater still**

Chorus 2:

**And no words can say nor song convey all you are, the greatness of our God
I spend my life to know and I'm far from close to all You are
The greatness of our God.**

SEE YOU IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAY!