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9:45 AM

**Biblical Detectives: Discovering the Unknown**  
**Series Introduction**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Graves Into Gardens*

by Lake

**GATHERING LITURGY<sup>1</sup>**

L: We gather today as seekers of discovery, Carried by wonder, Embraced by mystery, Drawn here by the God who is always revealing more.

**C: We come with expectant hearts, Ready to meet the Living God.**

L: This is the wonder we cannot keep silent:

**C: May this eternal truth be always on our hearts: That the God who breathed this world into being, Placed stars into the heavens, And designed a butterfly's wing, Is the God who entrusted His Son to the care of ordinary people, became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the wonder of Love, A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp, A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.**

L: Let us worship this God of wonder, mystery, and love.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

**How Great Thou Art**

**Verse 1**

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works Thy Hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain**

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.

**Verse 2**

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.

**Verse 3**

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

**Verse 4**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

**How Great Is Our God**

**Verse 1**

The splendor of a King,  
Clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
All the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice,  
Trembles at his voice.

**Refrain**

How great is our God,  
Sing with me,  
How great is our God,  
And all will see,  
How great, how great is our God.

**Verse 2**

Age to age He stands,  
And time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end,  
Beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one:  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb

**Bridge**

Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing,  
How great is our God.

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## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God,

**C: you invite us to live in mystery—to walk by faith, not by sight. But we confess: we prefer certainty. We long for clear paths, fixed plans, and predictable outcomes. You call us to trust in your promises, to see the world through your eyes of mercy. But too often, we rely on our own understanding, measuring life by what we can control. You speak of new creation, of old things passing away and everything becoming new.**

**But we hold on to the familiar, afraid to let go of what no longer gives life. It is hard to live by faith. Forgive us, O God of mercy. Forgive us for playing god, for clinging to illusions of control, instead of resting in your mystery and love. Teach us again to walk by faith. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear this good news: The God who scattered stars across the heavens also plants seeds of grace in the soil of your soul. Though the work is hidden, though the growth is a mystery, God is making all things new—even you. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven +, we all are forgiven, set free to live by faith, and called to grow in love.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SCRIPTURE**

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 CEB)*

### **INVESTIGATING THE QUESTIONS**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

#### **Verse 1**

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is now shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

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### **Refrain**

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

### **Verse 2**

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### **Verse 3**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **A TIME FOR SHARING**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Great Are You Lord*

Leonard, Ingram, & Jordan

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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**Shout to the Lord**

**Verse**

My Jesus, my Savior  
Lord, there is none like You,  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath,  
All that I am,  
Never cease to worship you.

**Refrain**

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let it sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the king  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The opening liturgy includes the writing of John Birch, posted on [Faith and Worship - Prayers and Resources](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/sending-mystery-so-deep.html) and used with permission as accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/sending-mystery-so-deep.html> on 6/11/25.

<sup>2</sup>The prayer of confession is inspired by the work of by Peter Bankson. Posted on the **Worship Elements** page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> and accessed on 6/11/25.

**Welcome Team Members**—Carol Bair & Vanessa Bicher

**Liturgist**—Andrea Adams

**Tech Team**—Dave Firestone, Jack Herlocker, & Jen Miller

Thank you to the praise team for providing the music for today's worship service!

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