

Philippians 2:10

at the
NAME of *JESUS*
every knee should
bow
and every tongue
confess that
Jesus Christ
is LORD

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020
10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

Sometimes it feels as though this time in which we live is the very first time that people directly challenge God. Yet this feeling is inaccurate. We are reminded by Ezekiel that God's people were going around saying, "God is not just" already at the time of the prophets. Distrust of God has been around even longer, since Adam and Eve questioned the goodness of God. In the Gospel, chief priests and elders question the authority of Jesus. Nothing new. But Jesus doesn't react angrily. Instead, He lets His actions speak louder than words. With very few words, Jesus would go on trial, be wrongly convicted, suffer beatings, be mercilessly crucified, and be raised from the grave. In Christ, we need not fear scoffers. We don't need to respond by being snarky. We don't need to try to silence anyone. We simply trust the authority of Jesus' death and resurrection and follow His way of loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. Rather than return evil for evil, we turn to the crucified and risen Jesus and live.

Preservice Music:

Rondeau from Sinfonie de Fanfare **Woodwind Ensemble**

Katherine Schlechte, bassoon

Barb Gutridge, violin

Sherri Devany, Diane Heizer, clarinet

Gretchen Devany, Cara Clemens, flute

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Sentences

Psalm 147:1-6

Pastor: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

People: **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars;

He gives to all of them their names.

People: **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

How Great is Our God

by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

**The splendor of the 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, and trembles at His voice.**

Chorus

**How great is our God! Sing with me:
How great is our God! And all will see how great,
How great is our God!**

**And 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. Chorus**

Bridge:

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! (repeat)
Chorus**

Confession and Forgiveness

**People Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
for sins of habit and sins of choice,
for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from Your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation so I may delight in your
will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Forgiven by Brian Johnson, Jeremy Riddle, Joel Taylor, and Graham Moore

**I will sing for You alone have rescued this life.
Jesus, You have set me free.
You alone took away all sin and disgrace
When You gave Your life to ransom me.**

Chorus:

**I am forgiven at the foot of the cross.
I am accepted by the pow'r of Your love.
My ev'ry stain is washed away; I am forgiven.**

**Here I stand in the light of Your glory and grace
Where heaven's love and justice meet.
Now I live for the One who has called me by name,
Who is risen and alive in me. Chorus (twice)**

Bridge:

**I'm embraced at the foot of the cross
By the love and the mercies You have lavished on us.
My ev'ry stain is washed away, and I am forgiven. (repeat)**

Old Testament

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are

afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Nicene Creed

Your Great Name

by Krissy Nordoff, Michael Neale

**Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name**

Chorus

**Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name**

**All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name Chorus**

**(Bridge)
Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

Sermon

Musical Offering

***Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Woodwind Ensemble**

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

***Amazing Grace
It is Well With My Soul***

Woodwind Ensemble

The Blessing

Mighty to Save by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

**Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus

**Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave**

**So take me as You find me All my fears and failures
Fill my life again I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender**

(Bridge)

**Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King**

Repeat

Chorus

Worship Leaders:	Pastor Brian E. Downs, Proclaiming Pastor Pastor Chris A. Spelbring, Presiding Pastor
Elder on Duty:	Bob Schmidt
Children's Message(on-line):	Kerri Ann Schmid, DCE Youth Ministries
Vocals/Band:	Janell Poenitske, Jean Downs, Josh Davis, vocals; Jake Meyer, electric; Josh Davis, acoustic; Steve Westlund, bass; Chris Baron, set; Dawn Tayon, keys
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