

Sunday Worship - July 11, 2021

Prelude - Jason McDougall

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Reading: Psalm 92:12-14

The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.

They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who have been replanted in the Lord's house will spring up in the courtyards of our God.

They will bear fruit even when old and gray; they will remain lush and fresh

God of Wonder

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night to Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) You are holy

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy
God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
Lord of heaven and earth

Scripture: Revelation 21:9-22:5

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues spoke with me. "Come," he said, "I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 He took me in a Spirit-inspired trance to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 The city had God's glory. Its brilliance was like a priceless jewel, like jasper that was as clear as crystal. 12 It had a great high wall with twelve gates. By the gates were twelve angels, and on the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel's sons. 13 There were three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 The city wall had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the Lamb's twelve apostles.

15 The angel who spoke to me had a gold measuring rod with which to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. 16 Now the city was laid out as a square. Its length was the same as its width. He measured the city with the rod, and it was fifteen hundred miles. Its length and width and height were equal. 17 He also measured the thickness of its wall. It was two hundred sixteen feet thick, as a person—or rather, an angel—measures things. 18 The wall was built of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like pure glass. 19 The city wall's foundations were decorated with every kind of jewel. The first foundation was jasper, the second was sapphire, the third was chalcedony, and the fourth was emerald. 20 The fifth was sardonyx, the sixth was carnelian, the seventh was chrysolite, and the eighth was beryl. The ninth was topaz, the tenth was chrysoprase, the eleventh was jacinth, and the twelfth was amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was made from a single pearl. And the city's main street was pure gold, as transparent as glass.

22 I didn't see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. 23 The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. 27 Nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is vile and deceitful, but only those who are registered in the Lamb's scroll of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb **2** through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life, which produces twelve crops of fruit, bearing its

fruit each month. The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. **3** There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** Night will be no more. They won't need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine on them, and they will rule forever and always.

Kid's Message

Flourishing: Beyond Measure - Pastor Lesli McGowan

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (**Refrain**)
- 2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. (**Refrain**)
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (**Refrain**)

Prayers of the People

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Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, Bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; What it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity, In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.