



Sunday Worship - July 25, 2021

Prelude - Jason McDougall

Welcome and Announcements

Mark 12:28-31, CEB

God's most important command

²⁸ One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord,* ³⁰ *and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*^[a] ³¹ The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself.*^[b] No other commandment is greater than these."

Call to Worship

Although many and diverse,
we gather as one body in Christ.

**Together in unity, we praise God
for the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

By God's gracious love, we are one in the Spirit.

**We are all baptized into one body,
and made to drink of one Spirit.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.

Everyone?

Yes, everyone!

God of Wonders

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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) — | x3
You are holy

Chorus

Scripture:

Matthew 25:35-40

³⁵ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

³⁷ "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

⁴⁰ "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Kid’s Message - “Whose Job is It?”

“It’s Not My Job” - Larry Arbour

Awesome in this Place

Verse

As I come into Your presence
Past the gates of praise
Into Your sanctuary
'Til we're standing face to face
I look upon Your countenance
I see the fullness of Your grace
And I can only bow down and say

Chorus

You are awesome in this place
Mighty God
You are awesome in this place
Abba Father
You are worthy of all praise
To You our lives we raise
You are awesome in this place
Mighty God

Prayers of the People

Offering - go to simpsonumc.org/give to find out how you can give

Offering Response - Doxology - Jason McDougall

Unison Offering Prayer

God of mighty miracles, transform these gifts into great works of love and wondrous acts of ministry and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

I could sing of Your love forever

Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing
now

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Responsive Benediction

Though we have been cast aside,

God restores our future.

Though others seek to banish us from sight,

God blesses us with opportunities for new life.

Go with the blessings of the One who loves us fiercely. Amen.