HYMN NOTES: “How Great Thou Art” (625)
It would take the FBI to trace the history of this popular hymn. In 1885, Carl Boberg, a twenty-six-year old preacher, wrote a poem titled in Swedish “O Store Gud” (O Great God). He had no thoughts of his poem becoming a hymn, so a few years later he was surprised to hear it sung to an old Swedish melody. It moved next to Germany but translated there by an Estonian, then to Russia where it was published in 1927. Stuart Hine and his wife were English missionaries ministering in Poland in the 1920’s where they heard the Russian version and created English words for the Swedish melody. Hine’s translation contains little of the nine stanza original but his setting has become an all-time favorite due to its use beginning in the 1950’s in the Billy Graham Crusades.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Monday, August 10: Pat Gravatt, David Hamilton, Kelly Brinkman Miller, Ben Cernansky
Tuesday, August 11: Norm Phillips, Ivan Becker
Wednesday, August 12: Mark Bonfiglio
Thursday, August 13: Madelyn McCutcheon
Friday, August 14: Shawn Davis, Mason Tighe
Saturday, August 15: Bob Clyne

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August 9, 2020  
10th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service  

WE COME TO WORSHIP  

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  

Leader: Creating and Holy God, you have blessed us with your glorious creation.  
All: Through your creative powers, you have shown us a little of your own beauty.  
Leader: Creating and Holy God, you have blessed us with order instead of chaos.  
All: O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your holy love overflows on to all creation!  
Leader: Creating and Holy God, you have blessed us with your sustaining grace.  
All: O Lord, you have shown us in Jesus Christ your own true Being, which calls forth from us a response of awe, wonder and praise!  
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God, whose majesty fills all of creation.  

OPENING VOLUNTARY  
“Toccata No. 1: HYPHYDOL”  
Joel Raney  

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  

HYMN #32  
quoted from Psalm 8  
“Toccata No. 1: HYPHYDOL”  
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CALL TO CONFESSION  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor  

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
O Lord of the Heavens, forgive us, for we have ascribed value to our possessions that we have never ascribed to you. We have been burdened by the small, and have neglected that which is of ultimate value. In this time of worship we lay before you our faults, our shortcomings, all the results of our sin. Turn us around, gracious God. Make straight our paths to you. Your transforming love is our heart’s desire. Forgive and restore us in the name of Jesus, whose cross and suffering convey your compassion and care for all creation. Amen.  

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581  
GLORIA PATRI  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.  

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.  

CALL TO OFFERING  

HYMN #25  
“O Lord, Our God, How Excellent”  
WINCHESTER OLD  
(paraphrase of Psalm 8)  
O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name. Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame. The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe, to think the One who made all things should care for us at all. Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you, with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true. Into our hands you’ve placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place we’re called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space. O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name, majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your name.  

WELCOME  
COUNTDOWN  
PRAISE SONG  
“Ever Be”  
PRAISE SONG  
“How Great Thou Art”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor  

CALL TO OFFERING  

HYMN #625 (stanzas 1,2,4)  
“O Lord My God”  
HOW GREAT THOU ART  
(refrain)  
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have 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!  
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 hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (refrain)  
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 there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” (refrain)  

BENEDICTION  

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
“Hymn Improvisation on ELLACOMBE”  
(based on the tune of the first hymn, #32)  
Stephanie Carson, Music Director  

Hour of Power Choir  
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GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU  

Sermon notes...