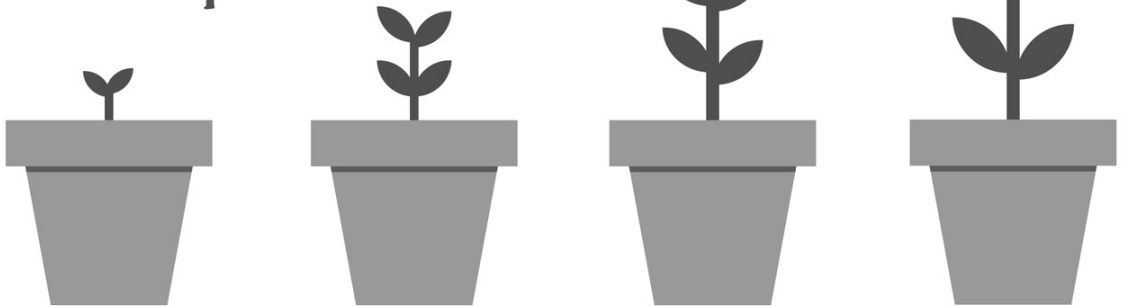




Stories of Growth

Parables from the Gospel of Luke



11:15 service + September 23, 2018

Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church.

All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon at the 8:30 service (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: humble/humility, serve

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Revelation 15:3-4

Liturgist: Come and worship the Lord God Almighty
for great and amazing are all his deeds!

All: *Just and true are all his ways!*

Liturgist: Who will not fear the Lord, and glorify his name?
For he alone is holy.

All: *All nations will come and worship him,
for his righteous acts have been revealed.*

We praise God

How Great Is Our God

Text and tune: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves 2004
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1. The splen - dor of a king clothed in ma - jes - ty
He wraps him - self in light and dark - ness tries to hide
2. Age to age he stands and time is in his hands
The God - head Three - in - One: Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son,



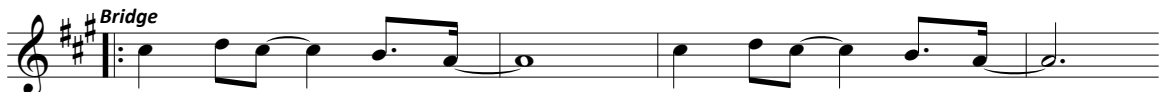
let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. (chorus)
and trem - bles at his voice and trem - bles at his voice. (chorus)
be - gin - ning and the end, be - gin - ning and the end. (chorus)
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. (chorus)



How great is our God Sing with me: How great is our God



and all will see how great, how great is our God.



Bridge
Name a - bove all names, worth - y of all praise,



My heart will sing "How great is our God." (to chorus 2nd time)

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.***

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God calls us to confess our sin from John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Liturgist: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We confess our sin

Liturgist: Gracious Father, you give us hospitality at your table and pursue and serve the suffering with humble steadfast love.

**All: *But we have not loved our neighbors as you have loved us.
Forgive us for neglecting people in need
whom we can serve with your love.
Forgive our closed eyes that do not see or seek people who are suffering.
Forgive our closed hands when we extend our affection and concern
only to the circle of friends like us
and exclude those who need your welcome.
Forgive us for closed hearts
that make us more proud than humble,
more apathetic than active,
more callous than compassionate.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, give us the humble heart of Jesus by your Spirit that we might seek and serve the neglected, welcome others as we have been welcomed by you, comfort others as we have been comforted by you, and build up others as we have been strengthened by you.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:13-14, 16

Liturgist: In Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace and has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Behold Our God

Text and tune: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird,
Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge 2011
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Verse

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered ev-'ry grain of sand?
2. Who has giv-en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an-y of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails up-on His hands, bear-ing all the guilt of sin-ful man?

Kings and na-tions trem-ble at His voice. All cre-a-tion ris-es to re-joice.
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath-om all His won-drous deeds?
God e-ter-nal, hum-bled to the grave: Je-sus, Sav-ior, ris-en now to reign!

Chorus

Be-hold our God seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a-dore Him.

Be-hold our King: no-thing can com-pare, come let us a-dore Him!

Bridge

Repeat 5x

Men: You will reign for-ev-er! You will reign for-ev-er! (to chorus)
Women: Let Your glo-ry fill the earth! Let Your glo-ry fill.

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Luke 14:12-24
(pew Bible p. 874)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Great Banquet”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Text and tune: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Graham Kendrick

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.



1. My worth is not in what I own,	not in the strength of flesh and bone,
2. My worth is not in skill or name,	in win or lose, in pride or shame,
3. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die,	fame, youth, and beau-ty hur-ry by,
4. I will not boast in wealth or might,	or hu-man wis-dom's fleet ing light,
5. Two won-ders here that I con-fess:	my worth and my un-wor-thi-ness.



but in the cost-ly wounds of love	at the cross. (verse 2)	I re-joyce in my re-deem-er, great-est
but in the blood of Christ that flowed	at the cross. (chorus)	
but life e-ter-nal calls to us	at the cross. (verse 4)	
but I will boast in know-ing Christ	at the cross. (chorus)	
My val-ue fixed, my ran-som paid,	at the cross. (chorus)	



treasure, well spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no o-ther. My soul is sat-is-fied in him a-lone.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SEATED

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread: The bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord.

There Is A Fountain

Text: William Cowper 1772

Tune: Lowell Mason 1830



1. There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Im-man-uel's veins,
2. The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see that foun-tain in his day,
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flow-ing wounds sup-ply,
4. Dear dy-ing Lamb, thy pre-cious blood shall nev-er lose its power



and sin-ners, plunged be-neath that flood, lose all their guil-ty stains,
and there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a-way,
re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die,
'til all the ran-somed church of God be saved to sin no more,



lose all their guil-ty stains, lose all their guil-ty stains.
washed all my sins a-way, washed all my sins a-way.
and shall be 'til I die, and shall be 'til I die.
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;



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For the World

Text and tune: Laura Story 2008, © 2008 New Spring



1. Je - sus, Lord and King, You came to wash the feet of sin -
2. You bled from pier - ced side for ev - ery tongue and tribe, with arms



- ners such as me and for the world. You left your throne on high to calm
held o - pen wide for the world. With one last breath to breathe, His fi -



cre - a - tion's cry, to suf - fer and to die for the world, for the world.
- nal prayer and plea was par - don for me and for the world, for the world.



Chorus: Ho - ly Je - sus, low - ly Je - sus, Lamb that was slain for the world.



3. O to know your heart, You bid me now to start



by ask - ing on my knees for the world, for the world. **(chorus)**

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

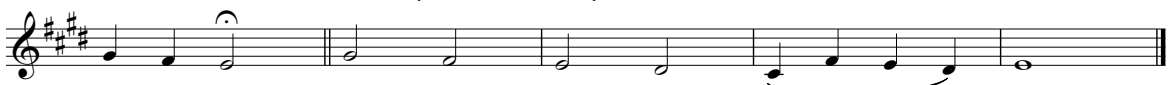
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.