

JOHN McMILLAN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE  
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD  
JULY 31, 2022

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Samantha Coggins

THE INTROIT

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 8:1-5*

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

*Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.*

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

*Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

*Amen.*

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION - "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent" - #25**

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 fame.

## **THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Nurturing God,  
you continue to lead us in upright ways  
on account of your love for us.  
Yet we do not always follow your call.  
We turn away from you and go our own way.  
Forgive us,  
and return us to our rightful home in you,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **THE SILENT CONFESSION**

### **THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear these words from our God:  
I cannot give up on you – my compassion grows warm and tender.  
When my children come trembling, I will bring them home.  
Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
*Alleluia! Amen.*

## **\*THE GLORIA PATRI #581**

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.

## **THE BAPTISM**

David Coda Hatfield

Born: October 28, 2020

Parents: Jonah and Alisa (Day) Hatfield

Sponsors: Joel Hatfield and Keely Hancock

## **THE BAPTISM HYMN- "Jesus Loves Me"**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong.

They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

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The Bible tells me so.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Loving God, we are very much in need of your guidance.

When we wobble and fall, stand us up and help us walk again,  
with cords of human kindness and bands of love.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for the church and for all who teach others  
with kindness, firm guidance, and love.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for peace among nations and peace between people.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for those suffering the scourge of war and the calamities of nature.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for all those in need,  
especially women and children who suffer domestic violence and homelessness.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for those who are ill, their families, and their caregivers.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

We pray for those who refuse to give,  
who have more than enough  
but choose to build new barns in which to hoard  
instead of help.

*I am to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.*

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you nurture and nourish us.  
You love us with a steadfast love: low and high, rich and poor together.  
Renew in us your call and release us from all fear,  
that we may heed these things and consider your steadfast love for all.

*Amen.*

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.

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC - "Small Enough" by Nichole Nordeman**

Marielle Brown, soloist

## **THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE**

Matthew 13: 31-32

Psalm 33: 1-9

A Big Bang

**\*THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- "O Lord my God" - #625**

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:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

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!”

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

*Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and to fully enjoy God forever.*

How does it appear that there is a God?

*The very light of nature in humanity, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God; but only God's Word and Spirit sufficiently and effectually reveal God to people for their salvation.*

**THE INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY #609**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **\*THE HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP- "Touch the Earth Lightly" #713**

Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster,  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete

God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

*A warm welcome and special thanks to Jason Smida  
for playing the organ for us this morning.*