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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

**Charles H. Gabriel
Arr. Phillip Keveren**

CALL TO WORSHIP

After the wind, the earthquake, the fire,
Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
Jesus says: Take heart, it is I, do not fear.
Rejoice, the Word of God is near!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never left to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all-powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace. In the name of him who comes to us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN 32 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,**

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. In fear, we conspire against those whose dreams might threaten ours. In fear, we fail to recognize the very one who comes to save us. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we do not sink back into fear, but walk boldly in faith, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28

37 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone

away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²²Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45B

¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

²**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

⁶**O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones**

¹⁶When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

¹⁷**he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

¹⁹**until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.**

²⁰The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

²¹**He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,**

²²to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

Praise the LORD!

MATTHEW 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It

is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, ^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON WHO IS MY BROTHER?

HYMN 19 GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

**God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

**God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, \God who reigns forevermore,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We believe in the God the son, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died and was raised from the dead. We believe Jesus Christ is the hope of the world.

We believe in the God the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of peace and unity. We believe that we are loved by God, called by God to lives of service, discipleship and fellowship. We believe God will fulfill all promises and bring us all into the life eternal through Jesus Christ.

HYMN 463 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word.
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous , omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE BECAUSE HE LIVES

**William J. Gaither
Arr. Marianne Kim**

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