



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

While we already considered the entire first chapter of Genesis last week, it seems right for us to come back and look at the creation of human beings in a little more detail. After all, part of what this section of the Bible does for us is answer big worldview questions, especially in relation to our nature and our purpose. Who am I? Genesis answers, a being made in God's image. What is my purpose? To display God's nature and his rule over the world so that it might be brought to full flourishing.

And so, our worship service this morning continues this theme of God's creation. We are called to worship with language drawn from Psalms 8 and 24, as well as from a testimony from the Christian Reformed Church. Our world belongs to God — and we do, as well. Because this is the case, we should join all creatures of our God and King in praise to him. As we sing his praise and as we hear his good news — that when we call out to him, we shall be saved — we are being reformed into God's own image once again! Amen! Let us worship God!

## WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or one of our greeters. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

If you are age 65 or older and do not feel comfortable in the larger Sanctuary, both of our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Chapel. Additionally, the Fellowship Hall can be used for overflow and for those who prefer to sit there. The Balcony is reserved for those who may be at a higher health risk due to medications or underlying health conditions (and their families). Masks are required in the balcony.

We also livestream our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org). Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available the following week on our website.

More opportunities for teaching can be found on our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube, and search for Independent Presbyterian Church Memphis. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

***As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.***

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

arr. Sedio

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8:1; 24:1-2

*The Minister:* O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens!

*The Congregation:* The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

*The Minister:* As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world — which some seek to control, and others view with despair — we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!

*All:* Our world belongs to God! God is King: Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: his rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is being renewed!

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

No. 122

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;  
ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
    beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
    all the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;  
    ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.  
    Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,  
    are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve  
    as unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
    Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed  
    claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

    God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
    we, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
    Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
    with our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Brooks Vaughan Hughes (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” — *Romans 10:13*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

*Arron Powell, Violin James Brown, Guitar*

*Congregation, please join in singing the second time through.*

Words and Music: Michael W. Smith

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It starts with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your". The second staff continues the melody with a first ending bracket over the notes "the earth. O earth." and a second ending bracket over "O Lord,". The third staff continues with "we praise your name. O Lord, we". The fourth staff continues with "mag - ni - fy your name: Prince of". The fifth staff continues with "Peace, might - y God; O Lord God Al -". The sixth staff concludes with "might - - y." and "O y." and includes a first ending bracket over "y." and a second ending bracket labeled "D.S. || 2. Final ending" over "O y.".

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name in all the earth. O earth. O Lord,  
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## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 22

*The Minister:* How does “the resurrection of the body” comfort you?

*The Congregation:* Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to Christ its head, but also my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ, reunited with my soul, and made like Christ's glorious body.

*The Minister:* How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

*The Congregation:* Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## THE ANTHEM

### “Creation Hymn”

Courtney

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

His praise appears in all I see, The stars declare his hands to be;  
Creation speaks in sky and sea and shore,  
Proclaiming forth their sov'reign Maker, “Lord!”

High mountains rising to the sky, Bow down before their Author's eye;  
Sea depths now echoing the land's refrain,  
Their vast expanse too small to hold his name; He is Lord.

But though I see, my heart cries out, “So great a God, cares he for me?”  
Yes, he who rules the hosts above, Surrendered, yet, his life in Love,  
Embraced me on a mountain full of pain,  
Released me from an ocean's debt of shame; He is Lord.

Yes, now I see, my heart cries out, “So great a God, he cares for me!”  
And, thus, a new creation made, I see him more and more each day;  
With all the wonders that his hands have laid,  
I rise to glory in the Son, and say, “He's my Lord!”

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

# THE SERMON

“In God’s Image”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*  
SERMON NOTES

## 1. Relationship

A. With God

B. With each other

## 2. Representative

A. Fill

B. Form

## 3. Resemblance

A. Character

B. Christ

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 44  
(stanzas 1-3)

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 pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.  
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 thro' 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;  
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!

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.  
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!

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

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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.

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:  
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## THE POSTLUDE

“Voluntary on ‘Hymn to Joy’”

arr. Burkhardt



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.*

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### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
the family of Judy Shamburger on her death  
on May 21.

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## WELCOME BACK!

*For each worship service, we will:*

- Seat approximately 250 worshippers on the floor area of our Sanctuary — every other pew;
- Accommodate 150 worshippers in the Fellowship Hall;
- Seat up to 50 worshippers ages 65+ in the Chapel; and
- Seat up to 50 worshippers in the Balcony who are who are immune-compromised or who have other health concerns.

We will also Livestream both worship services through our YouTube channel.

*As we seek to love and care for each other, please remember the following:*

- Practice social distancing (6-8 feet apart);
- Wearing a mask is **strongly recommended**;
- For those seated in the Balcony, **masks are required**;
- Make use of the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the building, as well as hand washing and hand sanitizer receptacles located in the restrooms;
- Tithes and offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the Lobby and Narthex or given online; and
- For the present time, **we will not have Sunday School or nursery services.**

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