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How Majestic Your Name Is All The Earth

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Trinity Sunday
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God* Traditional Xhosa
LMUMC Bell Choir

Welcome Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

Opening Prayer (responsive) Rev. Mi Chun

Leader: Great –
People: great is our God!
Leader: Lift –
People: lift up your heads, look up!
Leader: Look –
People: glimpse the greatness hidden in the air,
carved in stone, curled in leaf.
Leader: Praise –
People: drag gratitude up from the soles of your feet.
Leader: Beyond –
People: utter astonishment shooting beyond your words,
exhausting your language,
splashing your imagining with infinity.
Leader: Wonder –
People: simple awe,
jaw dropping, heart stopping, beauty.
Leader: Worship –
All: Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

Silvia Purdie (adapt)

Opening Song (Please stand if able)

Lift Every Voice and Sing
UMH 519

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light;
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Response

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

LMUMC Choir

Scripture

Psalm 8 (NIV)

Rev. Mi Chun

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:1-5 (MSG)

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon *How Majestic Is Your Name In All The Earth* Rev. Sunae Cho

Prayers & Gratitudes

Kyrie Eleison
(Lord Have Mercy)

Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison (5x)

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Living as the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving Song (organ)

Fill My Cup, Lord
UMH 641 (3x)

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Closing Song (organ) (Please stand if able)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Rev. Mi Chun

Leader: God has accomplished marvelous things!
People: We are part of creation's fulfillment.
Leader: Let us go in new appreciation
for the works of God's hands.
People: We are part of creation's fulfillment.
Leader: Let us work to restore the earth's perfect
balance and beauty.
People: We are part of creation's fulfillment.
Leader: Let us live as faithful disciples,
speaking out for peace and justice.
People: We are part of creation's fulfillment.
Leader: And remember that Jesus is always with us,
to the end of the age.
All: We are part of creation's fulfillment. Amen.

ministry matters (adapt)

Postlude (organ)

The Rejoicing

G.F. Handel