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How Majestic is Your Name in All the Earth

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Seasons of Life

Mark Hayes

Welcome

Sue Dickey

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Andrew Champion

Leader: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,
inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and blessed by God,

All: we come to worship one, holy God.

Leader: O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**All: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

Leader: In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**All: O God, our own God,
how wonderful is your name in all the earth! Amen**

Bruce Prewer (adapted)

Opening Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale
UMH 122 vs 1,2,3,6

**1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**

**3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home**

Children's Moment

Margaret LeWright

Scripture

Psalms 8:1-9 (NIV)

Andrew Champion

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!

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Response

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Willard Palmer
Oliver Gameros, Piano

Prayers & Gratitudes (organ)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
TFWS 2193 (3x)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

Bless Thou the Gifts
UMH 587 (2x)

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Closing Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

Let All Things Now Living
TFWS 2008

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Andrew Champion

Leader: May you be awakened by the sacred beauty of this world,
from the smallest microscopic life to the grandest canopy.

**People: May we walk upon this Earth with awe,
and treat every creature with reverence.**

Leader: May this awe turn your heart away from destruction,
and ignite a longing to protect the fragile and the wild.

**People: May we realize we are not apart from nature, but part of it,
deeply united with every living thing.**

Leader: Let gratitude fill your heart and drive your actions,
that you may live gently, lightly, and with love.

**All: We go forth, filled with awe and wonder,
to become stewards of this luminous home.
May it be so. Amen**

Matthew Fox (adapt)

Postlude

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Michael W. Smith
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