

## Sunday, January 15, 2023, 9:30am

\*God's Greeting

\*Call to Worship: Ecclesiastes 5

We enter into the presence of a holy, majestic God. No one can bear to look on His glory and live. Nothing can contain Him. He is outside of time and space, and yet present here, dwelling in our very hearts. The whole earth trembles before Him. The angels in His throne room fall on their faces and can only cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God!" As we come to worship this mighty God whose name is to be feared, hear these words from Ecclesiastes 5:

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God.  
Go near to listen,  
rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.  
Do not be quick with your mouth,  
do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God.  
God is in heaven and you are on earth,  
so let your words be few.

With awe and reverence, let's worship our God.

\*Songs: **"God Himself Is with Us"**

1 God Himself is with us; let us now adore Him,  
and with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; all within keep silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;  
praise His name forever.

2 God Himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!  
See the crowds the throne surrounding!  
"Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending!  
Bow Your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises  
that Your church now raises.

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**"Our Great God"**

1 Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious and unknown  
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone

Chorus

Hallelujah, glory be to our great God  
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2 Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God

3 Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word

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## **“Agnus Dei”**

Alleluia, alleluia

for the Lord God Almighty reigns

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Alleluia

Chorus

(You are) Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

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## Worship Choir: **“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”**

Just as I am without one plea

but that Thy blood was shed for me

and that Thou biddst me come to Thee

O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am and waiting not

to rid my soul of one dark blot

To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot

O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Chorus

I come broken to be mended

I come wounded to be healed

I come desperate to be rescued

I come empty to be filled

I come guilty to be pardoned

by the blood of Christ the Lamb

and I'm welcomed with open arms praise God

just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost

but mercy and grace my freedom bought

and now to glory in Your cross

O Lamb of God, I come, I come

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## Call to Confession: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 96-98

### Q & A 96

Q. What is God's will for us  
in the second commandment?

A. **That we in no way make any image of God  
nor worship him in any other way  
than has been commanded in God's Word.**

#### Q & A 97

Q. May we then not make any image at all?

A. **God can not and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Although creatures may be portrayed, yet God forbids making or having such images if one's intention is to worship them or to serve God through them.**

#### Q & A 98

Q. But may not images be permitted in churches in place of books for the unlearned?

A. **No, we should not try to be wiser than God. God wants the Christian community instructed by the living preaching of his Word— not by idols that cannot even talk.**

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness: Ezekiel 14: 6, 11 (Sarah)

Offering

Moment for Missions: Marissa Walters (Campus Ministry at GVSU)

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Exodus 20:1-6; Jeremiah 10:1-11

Sermon: **"Like a Scarecrow in a Cucumber Field"**

Prayer

\*Song: **"Living for Jesus"**

1 Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do,  
yielding allegiance glad hearted and free; this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to You,  
for You in Your atonement did give Yourself for me.  
I own no other master; my heart shall be Your throne:  
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for You alone.

2 Living for Jesus, who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace:  
such love constrains me to answer His call, follow His leading, and give Him my all.

3 Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy name,  
seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

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