**Sunday, September 1, 2024, 9:30 am**

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 15 (Clay)

\*God’s Greeting (Evan)

\*Mutual Greeting (Evan)

\***“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us He’ll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven’s blissful shore His goodness we’ll adore,

Singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

Christian Henry Bateman, Spanish folk melody; arr. David Evans

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\***“Great Are You Lord”**

Verse

You give life. You are love.

You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise,

We pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise to You only.

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,

“Great are You, Lord!”

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

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Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (Jaci)

\***“How Great Thou Art”**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

consider all the works thy hands hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art

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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

I 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;

3 But 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;

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,

and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Stuart K. Hine

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Offering: Ministry Fund (Evan)

Song during offering: **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down;

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee with thy hosts above,

Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Scripture Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Evan)

Time for Prayer (Evan)

Bible Reading: James 1:17-27 (Stacy)

Sermon: **“The Law of Freedom”**

Prayer (Evan)

\***“Trust and Obey”**

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

3 Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

4 But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

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\*God's Blessing (Evan)

\***“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

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 gloom 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,
wellspring 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.

Henry VanDyke

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