

## **Worship Guide 6/25/2023**

### **Call to Worship**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

1 Chronicles 16:31-34

### **Worshiping God by Singing**

#### **O Father, You Are Sovereign**

O Father, you are sovereign  
in all the worlds you made;  
your mighty word was spoken  
and light and life obeyed.

Your voice commands the seasons  
and bounds the ocean's shore,  
sets stars within their courses  
and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign  
in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness  
can thwart your perfect plan.

All chance and change transcending,  
supreme in time and space,  
you hold your trusting children  
secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign,  
the Lord of human pain,  
transmuting earthly sorrows  
to gold of heav'nly gain.

All evil overruling,  
as none but Con-qu'ror could,  
your love pursues its purpose  
our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign!  
We see you dimly now,  
but soon before your triumph  
earth's every knee shall bow.

With this glad hope before us  
our faith springs up a-new;  
our sovereign Lord and Savior,  
we trust and worship you!

## **Worshipping God by Confessing Our Faith**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-39

## Worshipping God by Singing

### God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.  
You fearful saints, fresh courage take: the clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

O, bless the Lord with heart and soul, let all within me sing  
And trust the wisdom of my God, my Father, Lord, my King.

With deepest wisdom, highest love, and never failing skill  
He masterminds His bright designs and works His sovereign will.  
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.

O, bless the Lord with heart and soul, let all within me sing  
And trust the purpose of my God, my Father, Lord, my King.

Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, and He will make it plain.  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

O, bless the Lord with heart and soul, let all within me sing And trust  
the goodness of my God, my Father, Lord, my King.

## **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold  
through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost,  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied,  
He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last.

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

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## **Prayer**

Missionary of the Week:	John and Karen Stodghill MTW – Belize
Community Church of the Week:	Aldersgate Methodist Church Rev. Laura Whitt
Presbytery Church of the Week:	Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Rev. Stacey Severence

## **Worshiping God by Hearing His Word**

Series: *Navigating a Confusing Culture*

Sermon: *Navigate the Confusion by Trusting God's Sovereignty*

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.  
Proverbs 16:9

The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.  
Proverbs 16:33

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

Proverbs 19:21

No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD.  
Proverbs 21:30

Life can be confusing. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ helps us navigate the confusion.

Because God is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, he can be \_\_\_\_\_ when we don't know what to do.

Even if we make a \_\_\_\_\_ decision, God is \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ to bring about \_\_\_\_\_.

If we ever doubt this truth, we need to \_\_\_\_\_.

Action point:

When facing confusing issues, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ reign of God.

Let's \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ God in \_\_\_\_\_ our decisions.



## Worshiping God by Singing

### Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow,  
there is beauty in our tears  
and You meet us in our mourning  
with a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting,  
sanctifying us  
When beyond our understanding  
you're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper,  
you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood,  
faithful forever, perfect in love  
You are sov'reign over us

You are wisdom unimagined,  
who could understand Your ways  
Reigning high above the heavens,  
reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly,  
compassionate and kind  
You surround and You uphold me,  
and Your promises are my delight

Your plans are still to prosper,  
you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood,  
faithful forever perfect in love  
You are sov'reign over us

Even what the enemy means for evil,  
you turn it for our good  
You turn it for our good, and for Your glory

Even in the valley You are faithful,  
You're working for our good  
You're working for our good  
And for Your glory

Your plans are still to prosper,  
you've not forgotten us  
You're with us in the fire and the flood,  
faithful forever perfect in love  
You are sov'reign over us

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## **Benediction**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25