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*Here we post current prayer concerns of those with health needs and those in need of comfort, the full scriptural text for today's service, a link to give online, and important announcements about the life of our church.*

## GATHERING

"FANTASIA IN A MINOR" (J. S. BACH)

"I WILL REJOICE!" (HARLAN)

I will rejoice! I will lift my voice,  
Forever sing of Christ my King!  
I will rejoice! I will lift my voice,  
Forever sing of Christ my King!  
I will lift up my voice!

Let the mountains break forth into singing,  
Let the rocks and the trees clap their hands.  
Let the heavens ring, let creation sing  
Praise from every living thing.

I will rejoice! I will lift my voice,  
Forever sing of Christ my King!  
I will rejoice! I will lift my voice,  
Forever sing of Christ my King!  
I will lift up my voice!

"REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING" | #224 IN THE HYMNAL

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore.  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
To Christ the Lord are given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
Bow down at his command,  
And fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
For Christ, the Judge, shall come  
To gather all his saints  
To their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- › Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.
- › **Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us praise his holy name!**
- › Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!
- › **Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength be to our God forevermore!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

"WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God, the Lord Most High,  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

You were complete in all your glory;  
Still, Jesus, you brought heaven down.  
Our sin was great; your love was greater.  
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory,  
For you are raised to life again.  
You have no rival, you have no equal.  
Now and forever God, you reign.  
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,  
The name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.  
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.*

## CONFESSING

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### "LORD, HAVE MERCY"

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

- › Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.
- » **You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**
- › Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
- » **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

*The Lord is steadfast, merciful, and slow to anger. He extends his mercy to us and receives us as we are. Let's bring our confessions to the Lord silently.*

### WORDS OF COMFORT

- › May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts and minds, forgive you your sins, grant you the joy of his kingdom, and raise you to new and everlasting life.
- » **Amen.**

### GREETING OF PEACE

*As a new spiritual family reconciled to one another through Christ, pass the peace of Christ to one another as you're able.*

## THANKSGIVING

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### OUR OFFERINGS | FROM 1 CHRONICLES 29:14

- › Lord, who are we that we are able to give so generously?
- » **For all things come from you and what we now offer is already yours.**

*Please be praying for the people of Tanzania and our mission partner, Together for Tanzania. The people in Tanzania continue to suffer from lack of vaccines and proper treatment of COVID-19 patients. Only in the last month has the government permitted vaccines to be distributed and few hospitals are prepared to handle this pandemic.*

## UPDATE ON THE RENEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*Want to make a gift this morning? You can drop it in the basket in the Commons or give online at [thirdrva.org/give](http://thirdrva.org/give).*

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING

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### SCRIPTURE READING | MARK 8:22-26

*Read along in your Bible or the online guide for this Sunday at [thirdrva.org/this-sunday](http://thirdrva.org/this-sunday).*

### SERMON | "AN INVITATION TO SIGHT"

## RESPONDING

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- » **Sing refrain:**
  - Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;*
  - Open the eyes of my heart.*
  - I want to see you, I want to see you.*
- » To see you high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.
  - Holy, holy, holy.*
  - Holy, holy, holy.*
  - You are holy, holy, holy.*
  - I want to see you.*

## SENDING

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### "O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING" | #557 IN THE HYMNAL

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—  
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

### COMMISSION AND BLESSING | EPHESIANS 1:18-21

- › May the eyes of your heart be opened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.
- » **That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come!**

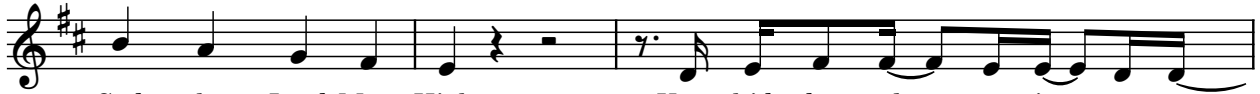
"THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE" (MICHAEL BURKHARDT)

*Doug and Susan Bond welcomed their son Sam on August 15, 2021. They are in the Lauderdale parish. Please join us in praying for this family!*

# WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME



1. You were the Word at the be - gin - ning, one with  
 2. You were com - plete in all your glo - ry, still Je - sus,



God, the Lord Most High. Your hid - den glo - ry in cre - a -  
 you brought heav - en down. Our sin was great, your love was great -

## Chorus



- tion, now re - vealed in you, our Christ. What a beau - ti - ful name it is,  
 - er. What could sep - a - rate us now? What a won - der - ful name it is,  
 3. What a pow - er - ful name it is,



— what a beau - ti - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus Christ, my King.  
 — what a won - der - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus Christ, my King.  
 — what a pow - er - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus Christ, my King.



— What a beau - ti - ful name it is, noth - ing com - pares to this.  
 — What a won - der - ful name it is, noth - ing com - pares to this.  
 — What a pow - er - ful name it is, noth - ing can stand a - gainst.



— What a beau - ti - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.  
 — What a won - der - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.  
 — What a pow - er - ful name it is, the name of Je - sus.

## Bridge



Death could not hold\_\_\_ you, the veil tore be - fore\_  
You have no ri - - val,\_\_\_ you have no e -



\_\_\_ you. You si - lence the boast of sin\_ and grave. The heav - ens are roar -  
- qual. Now and for - ev - er God, you reign.\_\_\_\_\_ Yours is the king -



- ing the praise of your glo - ry, for you are raised to life\_ a - gain.\_  
- dom,\_\_\_ yours is the glo - ry, yours is the name a - bove all names.



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