



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 9, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

Our God is a God of surprises who often shows up where least expected:

**in a burning bush,
in the face of an enemy,
in a livestock feeding trough,
on a rough wooden cross.**

Our God is a God of miracles who often does the unexpected:

**granting the elderly Sarah and Abraham a child,
turning water into wine.
forgiving that which seems unforgiveable,
loving those who are labeled by some as unlovable.**

As we worship this day,
may we be courageous enough to welcome God's surprises as gifts,
and may we trust in His all-encompassing grace, mercy, and love.

**We worship in the name of God's most amazing surprise of all:
Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

INTROIT

Rain Down
Anita Thompson, Soloist

RAIN DOWN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Justice Zoch

+HYMN OF PRAISE 323

How Great Thou Art
See page 3.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 33:1-10 Dr. Gilliam
In Pew Bible, page 37 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Surprise Endings* Dr. Gilliam
At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

SOLO *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Andy Woodard

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY OLD 100TH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:1-11 Miss Reagan Zoch
In Pew Bible, page 240 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION
It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 569 *In Christ Alone* IN CHRIST ALONE
See page 4.

+BENEDICTION Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY
As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sue Copeland by the Malcolm Copeland family.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

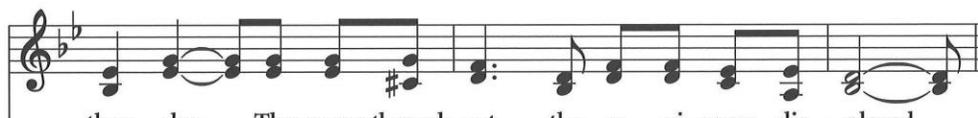
How Great Thou Art



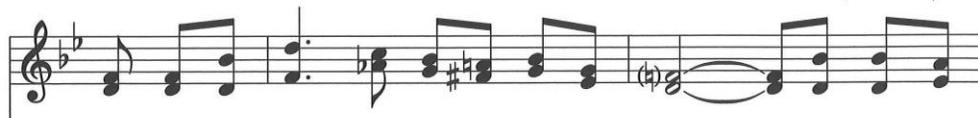
1. O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, and hear the
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, sent Him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



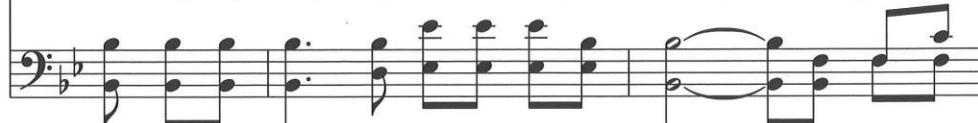
all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the *roll-ing
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



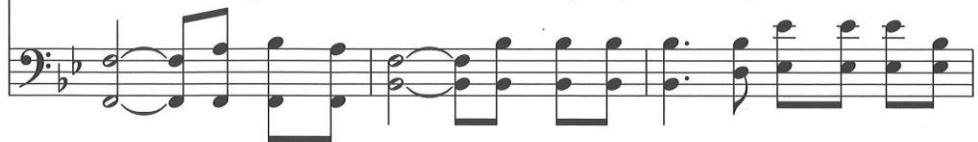
thun-der, Thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
gran-deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze:
bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!



Unison

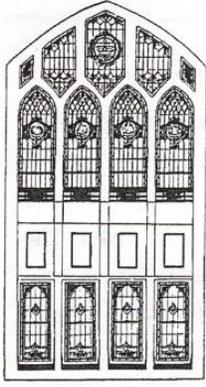
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in

song. This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and righ-teous-ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com-

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save, till on that cross, as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain. And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no hu - man

peace when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease. My Com - fort
 died, the love of God was mag - ni - fied, for ev - ery
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am
 plan can ev - er pluck me from His hand, till He re-

er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 9, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✘ Worship Notes

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3), through our church website, and on Facebook live. FBC Ahoskie holds a copyright license (20520822 Size B) and a streaming license (20520815 Size B) with CCLI, account 1577531. We also hold a copyright license with One License, A-

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✘ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm, live-streamed on our church Facebook page.

✘ Heck-Jones Offering

A tree that is firmly planted is healthy and prepared for the challenge of each new day. "Firmly Planted" is this year's theme for the annual Heck-Jones Offering which supports the ministries of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of NC. All of its missions and ministries are made possible through this offering. The state WMU goal is \$400,000.

WMU NC seeks to inspire and equip believers to be radically involved in the mission of God. This offering will be received through the month of August. You will find a Heck-Jones Offering envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Will you help WMU NC to remain firmly planted by giving to this offering?

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