



Grove Presbyterian Church

*Welcome to Outdoor Worship in the Grove*

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 9, 2021 10:15 AM*

Worship Led by Children

Confirmation Sunday

\*Please be sure your cell phone is off or on airplane mode, and please wear a mask.

## Gathering Music

I Am the Resurrection 🎵 Jesus Loves Me 🎵 You Are My All in All

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

*"Rejoice in the Lord Always"*

*Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice...*

*Rejoice rejoice, again I say rejoice.*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  
(Psalm 33:8)

**Response: My God is So big.**

Leader: God made the people who did George's surgery.

**Response: My God is So big.**

Leader: God made the fish.

**Response: My God is So big.**

Leader: God made the rocks and candy.

**Response: My God is So big.**

Leader: God made big people and little people.

**Response: My God is So big.**

Leader: God made us all.

**All: Let us worship our Big God.**

Hymn

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings.**

**The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:**

**The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one.**

**God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.**

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all. AMEN**

Question: Why do we confess our sins?

Answer: Our God is bigger than our sins. Our God is so big that He can forgive our sins and bring us back into a right relationship with Him. Let us confess together...

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God: You are a great and awesome God. Today we come to you in a prayer of confession. We are sorry for the many things that we have done that are wrong in your eyes. We are also sorry for all the things we should have done but we didn't do. Though our mistakes and poor choices sometimes seem so big, we know that you are bigger. Please forgive us now and cover us with your great love. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Question: How do we know we are forgiven?

Answer: Our God is so big that He shows mercy and grace when we need it most. God sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins, and that is the biggest love of all. Be at peace knowing you have been forgiven. Amen.

Response

*"My God is So Big"*

*My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do.  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing He cannot do.  
He made the stars, He made the sea,  
He made the elephants too.  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.*

## Children's Sermon

### Prayer for Understanding

Let us pray. Dear God, you are so big, you are so awesome and we are so small. Help us to understand your greatness and live the life you created us to live. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 33:1-9

New Testament Reading

Mark 9:33-37

### Commission to the Confirmands

### Presentation of the Confirmands

Brightness Che and Galen Stamm are presented by the session for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant and confirmation of faith.

They now desire to profess their faith publicly and to accept greater responsibility in the life of the church and God's mission in the world.

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry. In Baptism you were joined to Christ and made *members* of his body.

In the community of the people of God you have learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Ephesians tells us, "You are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."

## Profession of Faith

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you reject sin and evil in your life and in the world? Will you seek to do justice and to love kindness as you walk with God? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayer over the confirmands, and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Moment of Thanksgiving

### Hymn

*"How Great Thou Art"*

**Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.**

**I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art (2x)**

**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And 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, *Refrain***

**And 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. *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"  
*Refrain***

Benediction

Choral Response

*"Go Now in Peace"*

**Go now in peace, Go now in peace  
Let the Spirit of love surround you.  
Everywhere, Everywhere you may go.**

Participants in the service: Birgit, Mike, Emilia, and Sam Dugan; Sara, George, Lucy, and Rona Triffo; Kim and Galen Stamm; Brightness and Promise Che; Rev. Jud Bennett; Amanda Leicht; Eric Deeter; Adam Zakarian; Bill Gibson; Eloise Bennett; Kessey Kieselhorst; Scott Lawvere; Charlotte and Laurie Clapper; Rev. Jason Clapper; Lynne Pabst



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