

sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. Amen. (Based on Ps. 138:1-5, NIV)

* **OPENING HYMN** **"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** **Blue Bk #466**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx0rCabJ16c>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Glory and might, forgive us when we fail to praise you with all of our hearts and fail to sing your praise. Forgive us when we do not bow down towards and praise your name. Forgive us when we fail to remember your unfailing love and your faithfulness. Forgive us when we forget the many times you answered our prayers and you greatly emboldened us. We repent of our sins and our forgetfulness. Grant us forgiveness and a heartfelt memory to remember you, your great deeds, and your faithfulness to all generations. We ask in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

* **GLORIA PATRI** **Blue Hymnal #579**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

CHILDREN'S TIME

How Majestic Is Your Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XQ5e0Uhqh4>

* **SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seat please).

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Though you O Lord are exalted, you look kindly on the lowly; though lofty, you see us from afar. Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve our lives. You stretch out your hand against the anger of our foes and with your right hand, you save us. The Lord will vindicate us; your love, Lord, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands. Therefore Lord, illuminate our hearts, minds, souls, and bodies to hear and lovingly obey your Word in the Strength of your Holy Spirit. Amen. (Based on Ps. 138:6-8, NIV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians%203&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM**"The Church In The Wildwood"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VFXe4-X5ns>**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Ephesians 4**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4&version=NIV>

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!**SERMON****"Naddir Kavod, Majestic Glory"****Dr. Carlos Baladez****Psalm 24:7,10**

"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in... Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty— he is the King of glory." (NIV)

Diamonds are a girl's best friend. And guys? Dogs! What a difference.

The majesty of the Hope Diamond is not only its size, 45.52 carats, but its blue color. It is said that it burns a strong red color for a few seconds after it is exposed to UV light. There are 16 white diamonds, both pear-shapes and cushion cuts surrounding the Hope Diamond in its pendant. Its estimated value is \$400 million dollars. It now sits at the Smithsonian Institution where many can see it firsthand (Wikipedia)

The majesty of Queen Elizabeth II's crown, the Imperial State Crown, lies in its historical value as well as in its craftsmanship along with its precious jewels; 2,868 diamonds, 273 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, and 5 rubies. It is made of gold, silver, and platinum and capped in velvet trimmed with ermine. Its estimated value is 3-5 billion pounds! (Google search)

The majesty of the Milky Way galaxy is on a whole different level. It consists of billions of stars, gas, and dust. They are tied together by dark matter and mutual gravitational attraction. Its diameter is about 100,000 light-years across. To give you a mind-boggling idea, a light year is almost 6 trillion (6,000,000,000,000) miles! (Google search) Now multiply that number times 100,000 and you get a ginormous number with a whole lot of zeros behind it! And it is within this marvelous majestic cosmic body where our beautiful blue marble floats.

As awe-inspiring as the above three examples have been, "you ain't seen nothing yet!" (Yes, I know. My apologies to all the English teachers of the world, haha).

Here's a question to contemplate, "Whose majesty is like our God's?" Whose glory can compare to our God's? Who can bring everything seen and unseen out of nothing? Who can form humanity out of dust and a man's rib? Who can bring a family through a flood unharmed? Who can call a man out of Mesopotamia and make a nation out of him?

Lord, in your loving mercy,
Hear our prayers.

Lord, because of what Christ Jesus accomplished on the Cross of Calvary,
Hear our prayers.

Lord, because of your unending love,
Hear our prayers.

Lord, we pray for this world, your creation. We pray for the flora and the fauna. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the rest of the world. Lord, we pray for our military, their families, our government and its leaders and the leaders of the rest of the world. We pray for our families, our first responders, our educators, our businessmen, and the wellbeing of the cosmos.

Lord, in the love of Christ,
Hear our prayers. Amen.

***HYMN FOR OUR NATION "Heal Our Land" Red Hymnal #800**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which 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"

THE CHORAL AMEN

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9NnPRG9RZY>

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*** DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God of all Overflowing Abundance, we have asked and it has been given to us; we have sought and we have found; we have knocked and the door has been opened to us. And since we have asked and received we bring ourselves and the fruit of our labor unto the, recognizing that all good things come from you. Bless. Take. Break. And multiply for thy kingdom's use and sake. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Blue Hymnal #281**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5uwi04ttjA>

*** BENEDICTION**

Crestholme, The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Therefore, go in His love, and in His mercy, and in His Grace, and give freely the Good News as they have freely been given to you. Amen!

(Based on Ps. 121:5-8, NIV)

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Dr. Baladez will continue with our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."

