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Prelude	This is My Father's World	Van Denman Thompson
Greeting and Announcements		Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash and Sarah Fuller
Passing of the Peace		Rev. Reebee Girash
Call to Worship		Mike Clark

One: The sun shines more brightly.
Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

All: So we shake free of our routines.

One: In this new moment,
We wander about the wilderness:
Hoping God will open our eyes
Praying God will make us worthy
Wanting to grow with God.

**All: Let us grow together in the
wild ways of our God.**

Opening Hymn Of the Father's Love Begotten PH 111

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he;
Of the things that are, that have been, And that
future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!
- 2 O ye heights of heaven adore him; Angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
- 3 Christ, to thee, with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! A-men.

III

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-c.410
Tr. John M. Neale, 1878-1886, St. 1, alt.
Tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, Sts. 2,3

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
19th century Plain-song, Male V

1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2 O ye heights of heaven a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
3 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the source, the end - ing he;
Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, And ex - tol our God and King;
Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, And un - wea - ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e -

fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
voice in con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Unison Prayer

Invocation (inspired by Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17)

Wild God, you do great and wonderful things.

It's what makes you our God.

There is nothing else in this world like you.

There's nothing else like your love.

Wild God, come and worship with us.

Help us to grow in your love.

24 ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Anthem

Children's Time

Sermon

Sarah Fuller

Rev. Reebee Girash

German: 17th century

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.

Silesian Melody

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish,
 Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heaven can boast.
 A-men.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast. A - men.

CHARACTER AND GLORY

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In unison)

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Siyahamba

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Closing Hymn How Great Thou Art (from the Gather Hymnal)

1 O 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 Saviour God, to thee:
 How great thou art, how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
 How great thou art, how great thou art!*

2 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,

3 And when I think of 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]*

4 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]*

578 How Great Thou Art

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 3. And when I think that God, his Son not
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-

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 ra-tion And there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

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thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

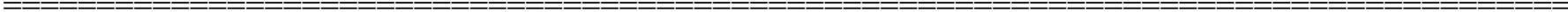
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Benediction

Postlude

Vater Unser

D. Buxtehude



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