



“Rend Your Hearts: Written on the Heart”
5th Sunday of Lent

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 21, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Lesli McGowan – Simpson UMC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From water to wilderness:

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: On stone and in hearts

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

People: God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.

Leader: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

People: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

Leader: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness: We put our trust in God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Wonders,

by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,

you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation.

As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,

may your law of love be written on our hearts

as he draws all people to himself, for he is the Lord of Heaven and Earth,

revealing your love for the world. Amen

OPENING SONG

God of Wonders W&S 3034

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Verse 1

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky

The heavens are Your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
You are holy

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy holy

Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me

Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) (4X)

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - A New Covenant

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

KIDS’ MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Lesli McGowan

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SONG OF AFFIRMATION

Change My Heart O God TFWS 2152

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Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

PRAYERS

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

May God, whose hand has written the law of love upon your heart, fill you with peace from deep within and the commitment to live in harmony. And may the blessing of God, who loves, forgives, and calls us home, be with you now and always.

It has been a blessing to have you in worship today.

Go in peace friends until we meet again.

CLOSING SONG

Hear I Am Lord UMH 593

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Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

POSTLUDE

Credits:

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INVITATION TO NEXT WEEK

You are invited to worship with Pastor John Mars of Meridian UMC next Sunday Lent/ Palm Sunday.

After worship today, you are welcome to join us for fellowship time on Zoom. The link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather about 10:45.

You are also invited to join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist Church group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation anytime.

Our radio program Reach Out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1 FM on Sunday morning at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

May God be with all of us until we meet again