



*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



Order of Worship for
June 21, 2026 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are with us today.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ROOTED: HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY CHURCH
WEEK 4: WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

JUNE 21, 2026 – ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Elizabeth Stassen, piano

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*†

Please remember to take a prayer card and write down and prayers you would like to share with the congregation today. The cards will be collected and re-distributed during today's service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Many: **We come with singing, with gladness, with thanksgiving!**

Know that the Lord is God – it is God who made us and we are God's own.

We are the people of God's pasture, the flock of God's hand.

Let us hold fast to the hope we profess, for the one who promised is faithful.

We will not neglect to gather together – for we need one another!

All: **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.**

Let us worship together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful God, we enter your presence with grateful hearts. You made us, we belong to you, and you have called us into community bound by a hope that does not waver. As we gather, warm what has grown cold in us, and anchor us again in your promises. Be present among us now. Amen.

*HYMN NCH 26 We Worship You, O God

LYONS

***PASSING OF PEACE**

The children are dismissed to their classrooms as the congregation sings.

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah,
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah,
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!***

Traditional Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE Psalm 100: 1-4
 Hebrews 10: 23-25

SERMON Worship, It's What we do Together!

Rev. Dr. Eric J. Hearst

Reflective Questions in Groups - Worship and the Five Senses

- *What does worship look like? - Vision (Sight)*
- *What does worship sound like? - Audition (Sound)*
- *What does worship taste like? - Gustation (Taste)*
- *What does worship smell like? - Olfaction (Smell)*
- *What does worship feel like? - Tactition (Feel)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE NCH 84 This is the Day (v. 1)

THIS IS THE DAY

***This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.***

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Christ be our Light Bernadette Farrell
Elizabeth Stassen, piano

*DOXOLOGY Give Thanks D. Moen

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks...*

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we lay these gifts before you as a sign of our trust in your faithfulness. Take what we have given and multiply it for the flourishing of your people and the care of your world. May these offerings spur others toward love and open doors for good deeds we cannot yet imagine. Receive them, and receive us — your grateful people. Amen.

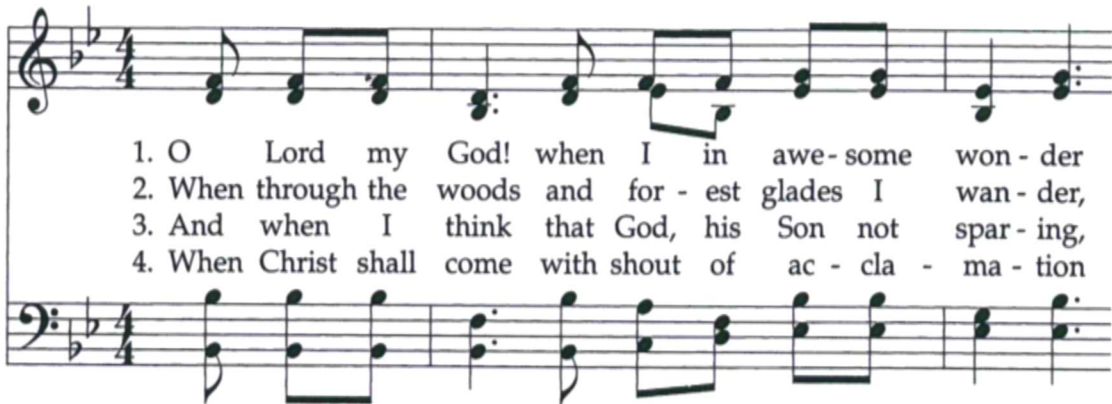
*CLOSING HYMN (*Insert, next page*) How Great Thou Art HOW GREAT THOU ART

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sing a New Song D. Schutte
Elizabeth Stassen, piano

Thank you to everyone who participated in worship today, Go in Peace!

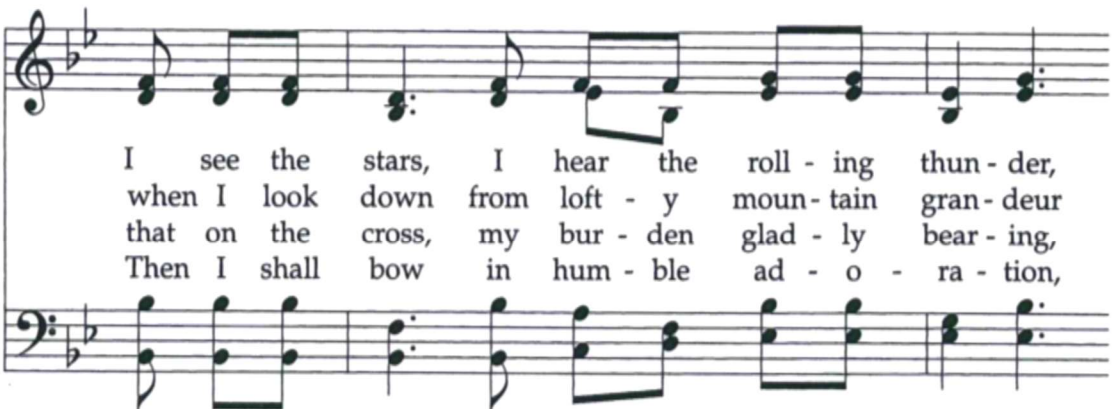
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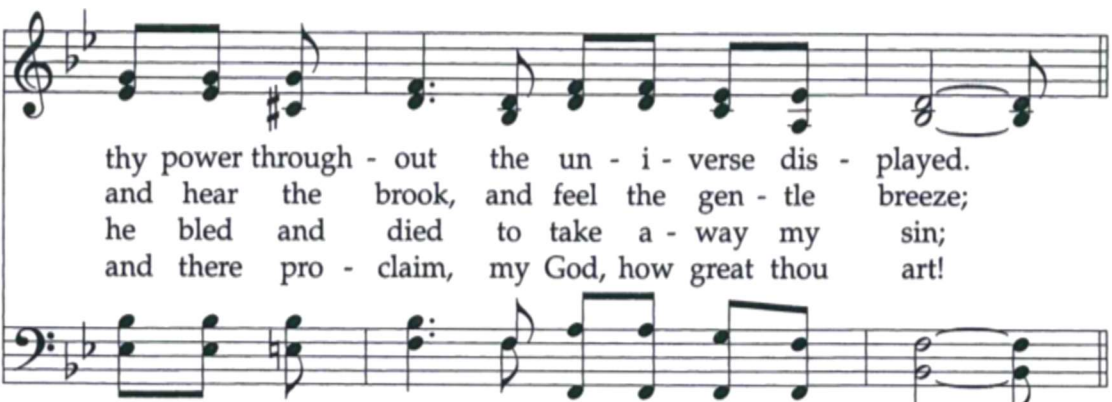
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion



con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.



I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,



thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 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!