

MAY 18, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Psalm 89:5–8

*The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?
In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
he is more awesome than all who surround him.
O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?
You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.*

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
It trembles at his voice; it trembles at his voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Age to age, He stands, and time is in His Hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one; Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise!
My heart will sing, how great is our God!

How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
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PRAYER

HYMN 371 ~ REACH OUT TO JESUS

Is your burden heavy, as you bear it all alone?
Does the road you travel, harbor danger yet unknown?
Are you growing weary, in the struggle of it all?
Jesus will help you, when on His name you call.

***He is always there, hearing ev'ry prayer, faithful and true,
Walking by our side in His love we hide, all the day through.
When you get discouraged, just remember what to do.
Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you.***

Is the life you're living, filled with sorrow and despair?
Does the future press you, with its worry and its care?
Are you tired and friendless, have you almost lost your way?

Jesus, will help you, just come to Him today.

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DRAW ME CLOSE TO YOU

Draw me close to You, never let me go.

I'd lay it all, down again to hear You say

That I'm Your friend.

Help me find a way to bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.

You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

You are my desire, no one else will do.

No one else can take Your place

To feel the warmth of Your embrace.

Help me find a way to bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.

You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

Draw me close to You, never let me go.

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BREATHE

This is the air I breathe.

This is the air I breathe.

Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread.

This is my daily bread.

Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe.
This is the air I breathe.
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread.
This is my daily bread.
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for You.
And I, I'm lost without You.

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And I, I'm lost without You.

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Offering

HE WILL CARRY YOU

There is no problem too big - God cannot solve it.
There is no mountain too tall - He cannot move it.
There is no storm too dark - God cannot calm it.
There is no sorrow too deep - He cannot soothe it.

If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my brother, that He will carry you.
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my sister, that He will carry you.

There is no problem too big - God cannot solve it.
There is no mountain too tall - He cannot move it.
There is no storm too dark - God cannot calm it.
There is no sorrow too deep - He cannot soothe it.

If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my brother, that He will carry you.
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my sister, that He will carry you.

He said, "Come unto Me, all who are weary,
And I will give you rest."

If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my brother, that He will carry you.
If He carried the weight of the world upon His shoulders,
I know, my sister, that He will carry you.

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Prayer

CHOOSING TO FOLLOW JESUS TODAY

Matthew 8:18-27

I. FOLLOWING JESUS (8:18-23)

A. A Time to Leave (18)

B. A Time to Follow (19-23)

1. *Sufficiency of Jesus (19-20)*

2. *Security in Jesus (21-22)*

3. *Staying with Jesus (23)*

II. FLABBERGASTED BY JESUS (8:24-27)

A. Engulfed in Fear (24-25)

1. *The Fury of the Storm (24)*

2. *The Fear of the Situation (25)*

B. Engaging Faith (26-27)

1. *The Authority of Jesus (26)*

2. *The Awe of Jesus (27)*

HYMN 290 ~ OUR GOD REIGNS (1, 3)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, good news.
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns, our God reigns.
Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns.
Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty. He is alive, He is alive.
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know, He is alive.
Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns.

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Announcements

Home Bible Study: *May 20, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We meet in different homes, so please check with Pastor Tolson if you are interested in joining. We are continuing our study of Philippians with Chapter 5 in our workbook.

Men's Fellowship: *May 21, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of the life of David in 1 Samuel 22.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *May 21, 5:30 pm*

The women's Bible study will meet on May 21 at 5:30 p.m. We will be continuing a study of 1 and 2 Peter.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *May 21, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team plans to rehearse on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations: *May 25*

Congratulations to Adalee Bridges (Colorado Early College) and Kodi Holdren (Brush High School) on their graduation from High School. We plan to recognize them during the May 25 Worship Service.

Hofman Baby Shower: *May 31, 10:00 am*

Matthew and Sammy Hofman are expecting a baby in July! We are hosting a Baby Shower on May 31, 10:00 a.m. at the church. Matthew and Sammy's baby registry is my.babylist.com/samantha-hofman. If you would like to help financially see Debra.

VBS: *June 3-5, 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm*

Our VBS this year is “**MAGNIFIED** – *Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things* (Psalm 34:3).” It will be June 3-5 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (with a lite dinner), and a program for church on Sunday, June 8 followed with a VBS Lunch for everyone! To sign up or get more information, visit myvbs.org/iec.

Baby Bottle Campaign: *May 11 – June 15*

A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center begins its Baby Bottle Campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. You can pick up a baby bottle in the foyer and fill it with spare change and then return it on Father's Day (June 15).

Willow Women's Bible Study: *September 8*

The Willow Women's Bible Study will break for the summer and resume on September 8. Please visit with Heidi if you are interested in joining this study on September 8 so that you can get a workbook.

Thank You

I want to thank you for every prayer, every kind word, and all the encouragement you've shown to me and my parents during these past weeks. When we were weak, you were strong and held our hands and hearts before the Lord. I am getting stronger every day and am thankful for the progress and God's healing hands. I feel so blessed to have all of you in my life. Your prayers have made a difference.

~ Mike Lind.

Offerings

Thank you very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.

