

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a dark brown long-sleeved top and a patterned skirt, stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Her arms are raised in the air, and she is looking upwards towards a blue sky with light clouds. The background shows a line of green trees under a clear sky.

Celebrating the God of Creation

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Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

With all of the recent changes that have come to pass, and are continuing to unfold, (Pastor Alan's retirement, the remodeling of the parsonage, the soon-to-be arrival and settling-in process of Pastor Kim Cartwright, the merger of our two churches - Grace UMC and Hebron UMC, the retirement of the Early service praise band, and the ongoing busyness of our normal summer schedule - it has been decided to modify our worship schedule for the next few months to allow for all these new changes to settle in, and to see how God might be leading us to move forward in this new season.

For the remaining Sundays in June, worship times and places will be as follows:

June 14th - Combined worship in the Grace pavilion at 10am, with a covered dish picnic meal to follow.

June 21st - Combined worship at the Hebron sanctuary at 10am.

June 28th - Combined worship with Holy Communion at the Grace sanctuary at 10am, with a retirement / welcome celebration meal to follow in the Family Life Center. Roast Beef, Potato filling, and all the trimmings will be served.

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 14th, 2026

8:30am - Sunday School / Small Groups
10:00 am ~ Grace Hebron Combined Worship

Outside in the Pavilion

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

\*\* Our Call To Worship

*Leader: We gather to worship God in the midst of the great beauty of God's Creation. We join with God's people scattered around the globe, and we rejoice and sing, giving thanks for this beautiful morning, and for the opportunity to worship together.*

**People: Let us sing a new song to the Lord!  
Let us seek to praise His Holy Name - telling the whole world that our God saves people from the punishment that their sin deserves. For great is the Lord, and most worthy of all our praise! Honor and majesty surround God's throne, and strength and beauty fill God's sanctuary. So let us worship the Lord in Holy splendor. Let the heavens rejoice with us, and the sea, and all that is in it - for Great and Mighty is the name of the Lord, our God!**

\*\*Opening Hymns ( on next page )

*" This is My Father's World "*

*" Give Me Oil in My Lamp "*

*" How Great is Our God "*

## **This is my Father's World**

1. This is my Father's world,  
And to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and around me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world,  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world,  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
The battle is not done;  
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,  
and earth and heaven be one.

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Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Give me oil in my lamp,
Keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp,
Keep me burnin', burbin' burnin...
Keep me burnin till the break of day.

Chorus

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King

2. - Give me joy in my heart, Keep me praising...
3. - Give me love in my heart, Keep me serving...

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## How Great Is Our God

1. The splendor of a king Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

## Chorus

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

2. 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 and Son  
Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb *(to chorus)*

## Bridge (2x)

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing , How great is our God *(to chorus)*

## Our Opening Prayer

**All: God, ruler of all creation, You are an awesome God. You have promised to be our strength in times of weakness, and our protector in times of trouble. We thank you for this great planet that we call the Earth. Open our eyes to see the true beauty that You spread before us – the clouds across the heavens, and the delicateness of a simple flower as it blooms. Open our ears to hear the whisper of the trees in the forests, and the thundering rush of air in the midst of a storm. Help us to see Your Creation as You see it , O Lord, and empower us to care for the amazing gift of this place. We ask in Jesus name, Amen.**

## A Time of Greeting

“ I’m glad you’ve come to worship this morning ! ”

## **WE PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD**

A Reading from the Scriptures

*Todd Bell*

*" Romans 5: 1 - 8 "*

The Morning Message

*Pastor Alan Atchison*

*" The Power of Celebration "*

We Receive Our Morning Offering

Offering Song of Praise

*" You Are My All in All "*

You are my strength when I am weak,

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all ----->

## *Chorus*

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up

When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all ( *to chorus* )

## Our Prayer of Dedication

**God, our Creator, through Your love You have given us these gifts to share. Accept our gifts as an expression of our deep thanks, and our concern for those in need, as we seek to reach out in Your Name to all peoples on planet Earth. We ask these, and all things, in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

## **AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

*Leader: Let us affirm our faith together.*

**ALL: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things. We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, and a home for us to share with our kin. We believe that God became flesh and blood; that He took the form of an earthly vessel - a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, who suffered and died on a cross for all human beings, and for all creation. We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, and is reconciling all**

things and all people to God, and is the process of renewing all creation and filling the cosmos. We believe the Spirit has the power to renew all life in creation, groans in empathy with this suffering creation, and awaits with us the rebirth of a new creation. We believe that together, as heirs with the living Christ, we will one day rise again, and celebrate in God's new creation.

Thanks be to God !!!

A Closing Song of Appreciation

*“ How Great Thou Art ”*

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 pow'r thru' out The universe displayed

*Chorus*

*Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art How great Thou art (2x)*

2. When thru 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 That 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.

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

### The Benediction and Blessing

And now, may the power of God's Holy Spirit reach deep into your heart, and into your mind, and into your body, to heal your wounds and to bring you to an understanding of just how much God cares for You. May God bless this time together, and the food which we are about to share, that we might be strengthened in body and Spirit, to go out into the world, and to minister in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Response: In Jesus' Name, Amen**



**Next Sunday**, Sunday School will meet at 8:30am followed by a combined worship service at the Hebron building at 10:00am.

#### **Our Attendance on June 7th**

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| Early Worship ~ 34 | Sunday School / Fellowship ~ 20 |
| Late Worship ~ 40  | Online Worship ~ 9              |

#### **Our Giving for June 7th**

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| General Fund ~ \$ 5,016 | Missions ~ \$ 235          |
| Building Fund ~ \$ 60   | Designated Giving ~ \$ 505 |

## **Today's Notes and News .....**

**Pastor Kim Cartwright** - will be moving into the parsonage on Tuesday, June 16th, in preparation for her assignment as the new Grace Hebron pastor beginning July 01, 2026. Please keep her in your prayers in the coming weeks.

**Upcoming VBS Needs** - We are still in need of someone to co-ordinate activities/games for VBS the week of July 7,8, 9, as well as group helpers to help move groups between stations. Please call Tracy Wertz if you can help in any way.

**Grace Hebron combined Admin Council** - will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Library.

**Hebron Hoagies** - will be assembled and delivered on Tuesday, June 23rd, beginning at 7am in the Hebron Kitchen. Additional help is needed and welcomed. Please see Judy Snyder.

**Tuesday morning Bible Study** - Is beginning a study on the Letters of Paul - starting with the 1st Letter to the Thessalonians. Class meets at 10am in the Library.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study** - is currently meeting in the room across from the church office at 2pm each week, and working through the Max Lucado book Experiencing the Heart of Jesus.

**Upcoming Bus Trip** led by Pam Mauser

*Journey to see "JOSHUA" at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026*

***For information, or to reserve your seat, please call Pam at (717) 903-3590.***

# *Prayer* **REQUESTS**

## **THOSE LIFTED UP THIS PAST WEEK**

- For Becki Clemens - challenges following knee replacement
- For Lynn Mangle - knee replacement on Tuesday
- For Marilyn Everhart - upcoming back surgery on Friday
- For Nancy Kirkwood - difficulties with Chemo treatments
- For Brad Hatter - heart challenges
- For Amelia Orr - has bulging disk on spine
- For Dennis Bellis - upcoming heart surgery this week
- For Carson Kauffman - seeing some improvement in health
- For Sue Kissinger - surgery postponed - needs additional Chemo
- For Stephanie and Landon Walker - badly injured in auto accident
- For John Worley - having a brain shunt placed
- For Frank Harner - pancreatic cancer
- For Bonnie Artz- healing from severe chemical burns
- For Dawn Powers - hearing loss and other health challenges
- For Deb Rothermel - healing from hip replacement surgery
- For Nicole Snyder - heading to Africa to help with Ebola outbreak
- For Nikki Hooper - diagnosed with breast mass
- For Amy Kimmer - cancer
- For Robin Davis - ongoing numerous health challenges
- For Charlotte Gingrich - upcoming gall bladder removal surgery
- For Rose Harris - cancer diagnosis
- For the Morgan family
- For the family of Arlene Wilbert
- For Ginny Oskowski - moving complete ,challenges remain
- For Terry Uhler - back at N.D Nursing & Rehab - fighting infection
- For Nikki- diagnosed with liver failure
- For Eddie Coyle - injured hand in chainsaw accident
- For Ruth Anderson - Undergoing Chemo treatments
- For Laurel Kolva - continuing health and Parkinson's challenges
- For Craig Teter- continued recovering from GI surgery
- .... AND so many more with ongoing challenges!!!