

# Classic Bible Stories Retold

October 15, 2017  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Greeting

Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary

*How Great Our God's Majestic Name*

setting by Robert Hobby

*His praise the heavenly host proclaim and we his children tell his worth:  
How great is God's majestic Name, his glory seen in all the earth!*

- Timothy Dudley-Smith

Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

***O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

*You whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth  
of babes and infants, You have founded a bulwark because of  
Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

***O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

*When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which You have established;  
what are human beings that You are mindful of them,  
and mortals that You care for them?*

***O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

*Yet You have made them little less than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
You have given them dominion over the work of Your hands;  
You have put all things under their feet,*

***O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

*all sheep and oxen, and the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea.*

***O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

- Psalm 8

+Hymn 315

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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stanzas one through four

+Call to Confession

Paul Sims

+Prayer of Confession

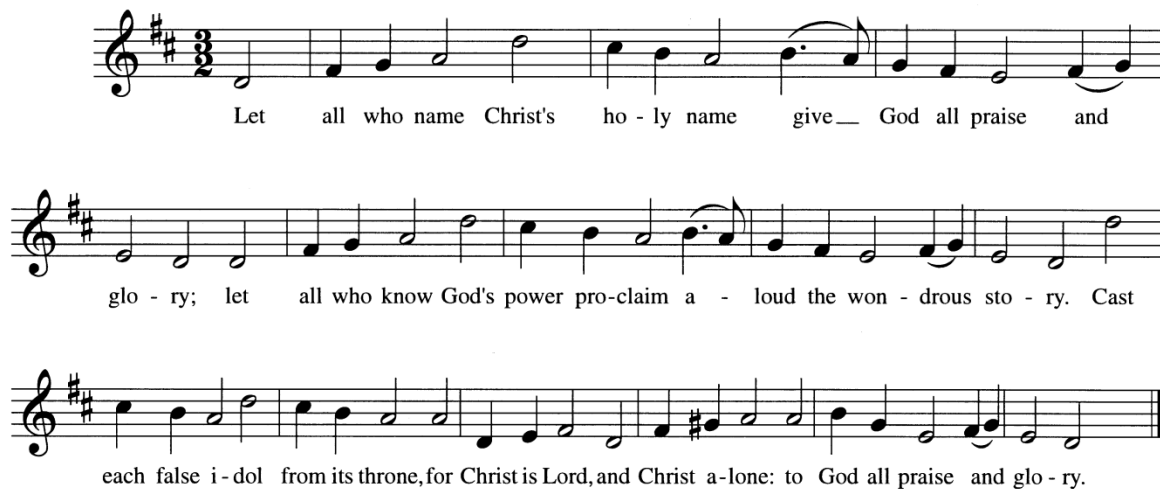
*We confess, Majestic God, that worshipping You in not the center of our lives.  
We prefer busyness to quiet contemplation. We reach for artificial excitement  
instead of the steady pace of faithful service. We are a stiff-necked people who  
embrace individuality at the expense of community, yet insist on conformity  
in preference to originality. Forgive us, God, for insisting on our own way. Amen.*

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Sims

+Response

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Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give\_\_ God all praise and  
glo - ry; let all who know God's power pro-claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast  
each false i - dol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ a-lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

## *The Word*

Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

*The word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-22

setting by Hal Hopson



The might - y God is the God of Is - ra - el.

*Praise the Lord!*

*O give thanks, for the Lord is good; God's love endures forever.*

***Who can recount Your mighty acts, O Lord;***

***who can tell of Your praise? REFRAIN***

*Blessed are those who act justly and always do what is right.*

***Remember us, Lord, when You show favor to Your people;  
come to us with Your saving help –***

*That we may see the prosperity of Your chosen ones:*

***Rejoice with Your people's gladness,  
and exult with the people You have made Your own. REFRAIN***

*We have sinned like our ancestors; we have erred, and we have acted wickedly.*

***They made a young bull in Horeb  
and worshipped that molten image.***

*So they exchanged the glory of God for the image of a creature that feeds on grass.*

***They forgot that God had saved them  
by mighty acts – wonderful and awesome deeds. REFRAIN***

A Reading from the Epistles: Colossians 1:15-23

Austin Carty

*The word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

+Hymn 246

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

Sermon

“They Have Made Themselves an Idol”

Austin Carty

## *Responding*

+Hymn 32

*God Has Spoken by the Prophets*

HYMN TO JOY

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Lisa Harrison

Loose change received in October will benefit our church's shoebox ministry, which will be shared internationally through Samaritan's Purse, and locally through Olive Branch Ministries.

Offertory Anthem

*The Lord Is a Mighty God*

by Felix Mendelssohn

*... and a mighty ruler over all false idols...*

- from Psalm 95

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

+Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## *Sending*

+The Peace

Alex Lockridge

*The peace of the Lord be with you.  
And also with you.*

+Hymn 48

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

+Commission and Blessing

Austin Carty

*Paul says:*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
May we live by the Spirit.  
Amen.*

Organ Postlude

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

setting by Paul Manz

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

- Isaac Watts

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of*

Carrie and Bobby Goins

*by*

*Kathy Goins*

*John Goins*

*Scott Goins*