

Sermon *“The Darkest Hour”* Jim Hays

***Affirmation of Faith** *“The Apostles’ Creed”* (See Back of Hymnal)

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”* arr. Harris

***Doxology** Hymn #706

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

***Hymn** *“Were You There”* Hymn #192

SENDING

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn #518

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus, and the blessed love of God.
The communion of the Spirit, richly bless and keep you all.*

Postlude *“Little’ Fugue in C”* Bach

**please stand, if able*

Prayer Concerns: Judy Bright, friend of Henry and Jane Hawk; Bill Conner; Pam Dalke, sister of Debbie McConkie; Caroline Dodge, mother of Randy Dodge; Betty Ellis; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Darrell Glover, uncle of Joe Pruett; Willene Hudman, sister of Bernice Chapin; Jeff Jensen, brother-in-law of Allyson Jensen; Charles Jordan; Martha Lierley; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Pastor Search Committee; and Jeff Pearce, son of Jean Brown.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting following worship next Sunday, August 27, to vote on Rusty Mosley as our installed pastor.

Grace Gardens will meet this Tuesday, August 22.



In Christ Alone Glory to God Alone



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GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

Hymn #477

*We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;
let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.*

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Little’ Prelude in C”

Bach

***Hymn**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymn #307

***Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded
and they were created.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 8

Prayer of Adoration

(Unison)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Everything we see reminds us of your power and glory because you made everything out of nothing. You made the sun and the moon, you made the land and the sea, you made the birds and the fish and all the animals, and you made us to love you and take care of your creation. We praise you for all your gifts and for helping us take care of your world. Thank you for your creativity and your love. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen.

***Hymn**

“How Great Thou Art”

Hymn #323

Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of God's Holiness

One: We confess and acknowledge one God; holy and just, infinite in being and perfection, a pure spirit, most wise and absolute. Worthy is God, the creator and sustainer of all life. God is gracious and merciful, forgiving transgressions and sins for those who seek His grace and His forgiveness. Let us confess our sin before God and each other. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Unison: God, have mercy upon us. Lord God, you have provided for us a creation filled with food and water, a universe rich with energy and resources, and charged us to have dominion over all you have created. But we confess that we have often spoiled your gifts, we have put material possessions ahead of everything else, and we have abused the environment you have provided for us. Forgive us, Lord, and make us better stewards of your creation. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Hear us now as we confess to you our personal confessions... (Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 705

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 45: 1-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Gospel Reading

Luke 23: 44-49

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.