

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR 7-5-2020

- **Call to Worship** – Psalm 146:7-10

- **Song of praise – This Is My Father’s World**¹

Verse 1

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings,
and round 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 3

This is my Father’s world; oh, let me not forget that,
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father’s world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

- **God greets his people**
- **Prayer of Confession**
- **Assurance of Pardon** – Romans 8:1-2
- **God’s Law** – Galatians 5:13-16
- **Recite Psalm 119:9-16**
- **Pastoral Prayer**
- **Sermon**
Sermon Text: Esther 4
Sermon Title: “Coming Before the King”
Sermon Series: *Who’s In Charge?*

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- **Song of Response – Before the Throne of God Above²**

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Verse 3

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable “I AM,” the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

- **Benediction**

- **Doxology – *God of Grace and God of Glory*³**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church’s story, bring its bud to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

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