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# Camp Firelight: Trust in God

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## Welcome

**Prelude**

Choral Vorspeil

Gustav Merkel

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to join our VBS campers in trusting God all the time!**

**Leader:** Whenever our emotions decline, we can trust in God!

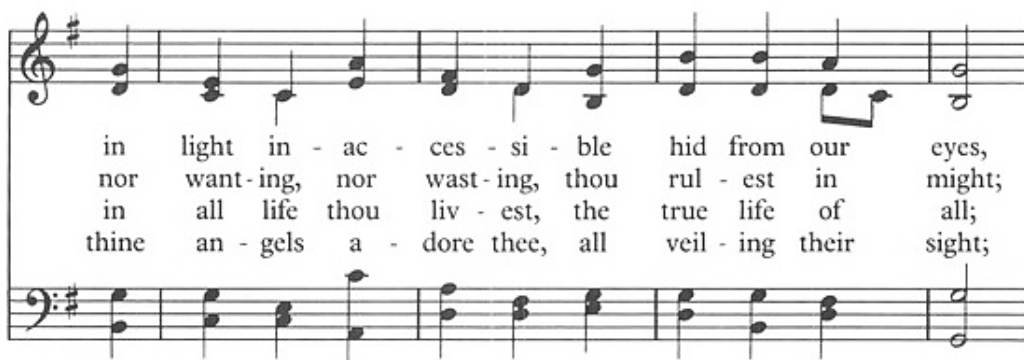
**People:** **In fear or anger, in exhaustion or stress, we turn to God's Word for peace and comfort.**

## Hymn

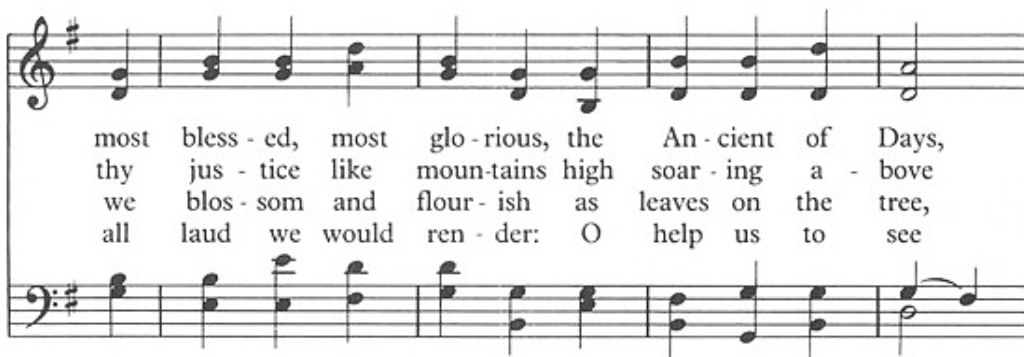
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



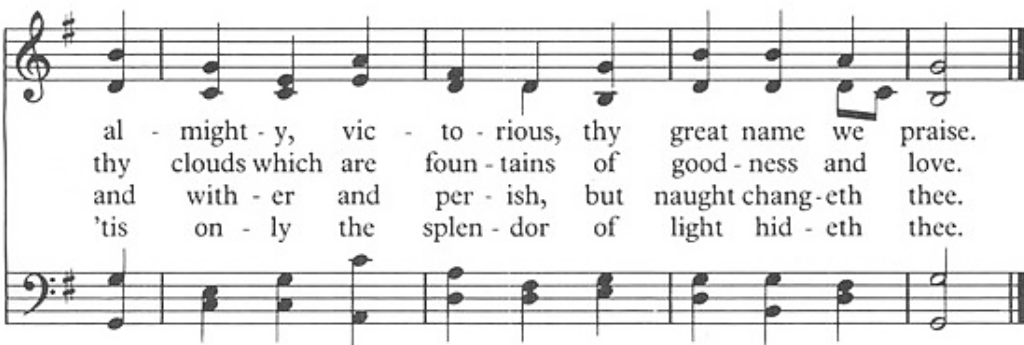
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## Opening Prayer

**Thank you, God, for our upcoming Camp Firelight VBS. Thank you for our leaders and families who've given their time and talents to make our learning special and fun. May we continue to find ways to share God's love with those around us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen**

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Chorus

In Moments Like These

In moments like these, I sing out a song, I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hands, I lift up my hands to the Lord.  
Singing I love You Lord, singing I love you Lord,  
Singing I love You, Lord, I love You.

## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Scripture Lesson

Psalm 56

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;  
all day long foes oppress me;  
my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many fight against me.  
O Most High, when I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid;  
what can flesh do to me?

All day long they seek to injure my cause;  
all their thoughts are against me for evil.  
They stir up strife; they lurk;  
they watch my steps,  
as they hoped to take my life.  
Do not deliver them for any reason;  
in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

You have kept count of my tossings;  
put my tears in your bottle.  
Are they not in your record?  
Then my enemies will retreat  
in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.  
In God, whose word I praise,  
in the Lord, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I am not afraid.  
What can a mere mortal do to me?

My vows to you I must perform, O God;  
I will render thank offerings to you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death  
and my feet from falling,  
so that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God  
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message *Camp Firelight: Trust in God*

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd* Don Hustad

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 6](#) of this document.

Hymn *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* (verses 1, 2, and 5)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Stand Amazed in the Presence". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. Below the treble clef staff, there are five numbered verses of lyrics, each aligned with a measure of the melody. The lyrics are: 1. I stand a-mazed in the pres-ence of; 2. For me it was in the gar-den he; 3. In pit-y an-gels be-held him, and; 4. He took my sins and my sor-rows, he; 5. When with the ran-somed in glo-ry his.

Je - sus the Naz - a - rene, and won - der  
 prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no  
 came from the world of light to com - fort  
 made them his ver - y own; he bore the  
 face I at last shall see, 'twill be my

how he could love me, a sin - ner, con - demned, un - clean.  
 tears for his own griefs, but sweat - drops of blood for mine.  
 him in the sor - rows he bore for my soul that night.  
 bur - den to Cal - vary, and suf - fered and died a - lone.  
 joy through the a - ges to sing of his love for me.

*Refrain*

How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful! And my song shall ev - er be:  
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful!

How mar - vel - ous! How won - der - ful is my Sav - ior's love for me!  
 O how mar - vel - ous! O how won - der - ful

## Benediction

## Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Don Hustad

## A Service of Word and Table

### Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Confession and Pardon

**People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

*The people sing their response:*

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of  
power and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - - - - -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -  
est! Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:* And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The people sing their response:*

## Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.*

**ALL: Amen!**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Cup**