



We Gather to Worship God

SONG OF PRAISE

"There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do"

Jordan Burchill

Verse 1

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Verse 2

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word
And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch
I feel the power of heaven

Just one touch

My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Bridge

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus

Repeat Chorus 2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. JJ Wicke

SONG OF PRAISE

"Run to the Father"

Jordan Burchill

Verse 1

I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

Chorus

I run to the Father
I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding
No reason to wait
My heart needs (found) a surgeon
My soul needs (found) a friend
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again
And again and again

Interlude

Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You saw my condition
Had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption
The price for my heart
I don't have a context
For that kind of love
I don't understand

I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You

Repeat Chorus

Interlude

Oh oh
Again and again
And again and again
Oh oh oh
(Again and again)

Bridge

My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in
And I know I need You now

Repeat Chorus

SONG OF PRAISE

"Graves into Gardens"

Jordan Burchill

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

Repeat Chorus

THE PEACE

[If you are worshiping alongside someone else, take a moment to tell them “peace be with you” in the name of our Lord. As you do, we invite you to extend your cupped hands toward others who may be with or near you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you accept the peace God offers you and your willingness to be a bearer of peace in the world.]

We Seek to Hear from God

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Esther 7: 1-10

SERMON SERIES: A Good Life

SERMON

A Good Cause

Rev. JJ Wicke

We Respond to God

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

INVITATION TO GIVE

We Leave to Serve God in the World

CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

“His Mercy is More”

Jordan Burchill

Verse 1

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Repeat Chorus

BENEDICTION

Northwest Hills UMC Weekly Announcements:

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Rise Against Hunger:

We need you on Sunday, October 3 to once again help package freeze-dried meals to feed hungry children around the world! Our goal this year is to package 25,000 meals, which means raising \$8,500.00. Use the link register to volunteer or make a donation. <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/nwhills2021>

Prayer Partners

We would love to have each child prayed for during this crazy time. We are asking for each prayer partner to select 3 children from a list of My Friend's House and pray for those little ones. If you'd like, you can give them a small gift (i.e. book) at their birthday or Christmas. This is not required and please do not feel pressured to give a gift. Your prayers are gift enough. If you are interested, please email terriksloan@gmail.com.

Hands of Housing: October 23

Help a neighbor stay in their home by helping to maintain it. We will do exterior painting with a team from Bethany UMC. The rain date is Oct 30. To sign up contact Dee Susong at lolabeetle@gmail.com.

Join the Choir or Handbells

The Choirs would like to welcome new members or interested guests of ALL AGES to join us! The Handbell Choir practices on Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm and the Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Please contact our new Director of Traditional Music, Cody Parrott, at cody@nwhillsumc.org for more information.

Drive A Senior

Drive A Senior ATX has partnered with Austin Public Health to provide hundreds of senior access to vaccine registration and appointments. To volunteer or for more information, contact Marjeanne Rutt at 512-636-7131.

Puerto Rice Mission Trip Interest Meeting:

Save the Date: November 1 on Zoom

Habitat for Humanity:

Sign up to help build a home at 7101 Zachary Dr, Austin as part of the 2021 Methodist Build on November 6 from 8 am - 4 pm. Youth ages 16-17 can participate with a parent. Sign up at <https://austinhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/nwhillsumc/>. You will be requested to create an account, sign a liability waiver and complete online safety training.

Family Fall Festival:

Save the Date: Sunday, November 7 following worship
We will have an outdoor family festival with spiced cider, a food truck, games, and photo ops!

Communion Servers

Our church is in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the communion elements each Sunday at the 9:00 service. Below is the link to a Sign Up Genius page for the remainder of Sept. and Oct. If you prefer not to use the sign up page, but would like to help, or if you would like to volunteer long term for preparing the communion elements every week, please email or call Kim Hoffman at kadhoffman@yahoo.com or 512-576-3296.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BA5AF22A75-communion>

Reminders

We've updated our giving platforms so you can give your tithe or gift more securely and easier than ever:
Give Online, PayPal Giving Fund, Via Text, Via the Church Center App, Via Mail, or In-person.

Resources/Support

Stephen Ministry: We have trained Stephen Ministry male and female volunteers standing ready to give you confidential, non-judgmental, empathetic listening and care. If you would like to learn more or request a Stephan Minister, contact Pastor JJ Wicke, at 512-345-1743, Stephen leaders Diane Coleman at 512-560-1828 or Jim Beck at 512-925-7611.

To submit a prayer request or receive ongoing prayer, contact Connie Ellis at drclellis@gmail.com.

Member Birthdays

Dee Susong	Sept. 03	Mike Shepherd	Sept. 13	Britt Cain	Sept. 22
Ken Moyer, Jr.	Sept. 03	Claudia Biel	Sept. 14	Noah Perkins	Sept. 22
Ethan Anderson	Sept. 05	Hadra Brown	Sept. 14	Brandi Gitcho	Sept. 23
Phyllis Smith	Sept. 05	Heather Taylor	Sept. 16	Nathan Hammond	Sept. 24
Lee Easter	Sept. 06	Clara Hutchison	Sept. 17	Jackie Gardner	Sept. 25
Mike Wray	Sept. 06	Jeanne Acton-Shanks	Sept. 17	Lynne Cline	Sept. 25
Terri Sloan	Sept. 07	Sonia Merubia	Sept. 18	Joey Shanks	Sept. 27
Willy Maletta	Sept. 08	Hannah Cummings	Sept. 19	Brooks Taylor	Sept. 28
Angie Smucker	Sept. 10	Catherine Bixler	Sept. 20	Chip Pinckard	Sept. 30
Bob Zane	Sept. 10	Andy Mueller	Sept. 21	Gary Gunter	Sept. 30
Lauren Moffatt	Sept. 11	Brad Hoffman	Sept. 21		
Grant Means	Sept. 13	John Oliver	Sept. 21		

Small Groups Meeting via Social Media

Class/Group	Meeting Via	When
United Methodist Women Facilitator: Reverend Sue Abold	ZOOM 512-921-4750 or sueiabold@aol.com	2 nd Tuesday's at 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School Facilitator: Tyler Steele	ZOOM For more information, contact tsteele@nwhillsumc.org	Tuesday's at 6:30 pm
Women's Thursday Bible Study Current study: " <i>The Epic of Eden</i> " by Sandra Richter Facilitators: Paulette Payne and Autie Doerr For more information, contact Paulette Payne at paulettep21@yahoo.com or 512-627-9072.	ZOOM	Thursday's at 10:00 am
United Methodist Men Facilitators: UMM Ministry	ZOOM For more information, contact: Mike Wray at m.c.wray@gmail.com	Wednesdays at 8:00 am
Awaken Class The Awaken Class will not meet during the summer.		
2X2 Class Current Study: <i>Incarnation Study for Advent</i> by Adam Hamilton Shared Leadership: Hoffmans, Carmagnolas, Gunters, Taylors... For information, contact: pkcarm@gmail.com	ZOOM	Sunday's at 10:00 am
Living Water Current Study: Hope for the Thinking Christian by Stephen Reese Zoom link: Click here . Shared Leadership: Bruce Cardwell, John Coffman, Marjeanne Rutt.	ZOOM	Sunday's at 10:00 am
Discovery Class Current Study: <i>Romans</i> Facilitators: Sonia Merubia & Alison Norman ZOOM Link: https://silabs.zoom.us/j/5126597439 Class page: nwhillsumc.org/discovery	ZOOM	Sunday's at 10:00 am
Discussion Class Current Study: <i>A Christian Look at Current News Topics</i> Facilitators: Gordon Hamilton & Edis Oliver. For more information contact: ghamtx@gmail.com	ZOOM	Sunday's at 10:00 am
Seekers Current Study: Words of Life by Adam Hamilton also using his sermon series on the 10 commandments! Shared Leadership: The Hammonds and Shepherds	Google Meet	Sunday's at 10:00 am
20's and 30's Current Study: <i>Upper Room Devotions</i> Facilitator: Justin Bauer	ZOOM	Sunday's at 10:00 am
Impressions - New members welcome! Current Study: <i>The Promised One: Finding Jesus in Genesis</i> by Nancy Guthrie Facilitator: Ken Moyer. For more information, contact kenmoyer1@att.net or (512) 294-8833	ZOOM	Sunday's at 11:00 am