

"TAKE 10 - Worship While Away" (Sunday, May 31, 2026)

**Share:**

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,  
**we come to worship one, holy God.**

O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies. Yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler, let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

**Read these words from a hymn:**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

**Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."**

**Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,**

**Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;**

**With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."**

**That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,**

**Give us all new fervour, draw us, closer in community;**

**With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."**

**Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,**

**Asking that the world around us, share your children's liberty;**

**With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."**

**Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.**

**May your care and mercy lead us to a just society;**

**With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."**

**Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,**

**And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;**

**With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Read this scripture from worship:**

*Psalm 8, The Message*

<sup>1</sup>God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name.

<sup>2</sup>Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs that drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble.

<sup>3-4</sup>I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, "Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?"

<sup>5-8</sup>Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, made us

stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps.

<sup>9</sup> God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

Matthew 28:16-20, *The Message*

<sup>16-17</sup> Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

<sup>18-20</sup> Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

### **Talk Together:**

- ✓ What does the first story of Creation tell you about God, about humanity, and about our relationship with God?
- ✓ How does the structured, orderly process of creation reflect God's nature?
- ✓ What do you think you would feel on the mountain with Christ?
- ✓ What does Jesus expect of us?
- ✓ What does it mean to be a disciple?
- ✓ How do you respond to the Great Commission to "make disciples of all nations?"
- ✓ How are you created for the plan and purpose of God?

### **Pray together:**

Creator God, you called the universe into existence. Like a loving parent, you shaped us from the clay of the earth, and your breath gave us life. We praise you for your sustaining love and grace. Fix our thoughts and focus our hearts on you, that we might honor you by caring for all of creation. In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, we pray. Amen.