

# Order of Worship

8:00 & 11:00am Traditional Worship  
September 12th, 2021

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.**

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*--Psalm 8:1-6, 9 (NRSV)*

**\*Opening Hymn**

Maker, In Whom We Live

88 UMH

**\*Collect**

**Creator God, you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life, giving us the vocation of being your royal representatives in the world. Grant that we may again reclaim this image and vocation through the redeeming work of your Son, Jesus Christ, the perfect image of God, and through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:28-30

Anthem (11:00)

Adult Choir

**\*Gospel Lesson**

John 1:1-13

**Sermon**                      The Method in Methodism: The Image of God  
Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

**Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silence**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**                      The Nicene Creed                      880 UMH

**\*Response**                      Something Beautiful                      394 UMH

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.**

*(A time for silent confession)*

Pastor: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Presenting our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offering Prayer**

**Offertory Music**

Susan Fraser

**\*Doxology**                      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow                      95 UMH

**Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**                      15 UMH

**\*Closing Hymn**                      Love Divine, All Loves Excelling                      384 UMH

**Sending Forth**                      Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

**Postlude**                      Susan Fraser

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9:30am Contemporary Worship  
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\*Song Set

\*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-13

Sermon

The Method in Methodism: The Image of God

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

880 UMH

**Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession**

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Offering

Communion

15 UMH

Prayers of the People

\*Closing Song

Dismissal

# Sermon Notes & Discussion Guide

## The Image of God

What is the chief end of man?  
To glorify God and enjoy him forever.  
- *The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)*

### The “image of God” in Genesis 1:26-27

The \_\_\_\_\_ image

The \_\_\_\_\_ image

The \_\_\_\_\_ image

### The “image of God” in the New Testament

Colossians 1:15-20 – Jesus is the image of God

Philippians 2:5-11 – Jesus as the servant King

John 1:12-14 – Jesus gives us the power to become children of God

Romans 8:29 – We are destined to be conformed to the image of Christ

The foundational aim of Methodism is \_\_\_\_\_ in the image of God.

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What insights did you gain from this week’s message?
2. How does your own story affect your understanding of the image of God?  
How does knowing the truth change your understanding of the image of God?
3. What does it mean to you to learn that you were made for royalty, to be part of God’s royal family?
4. “Holiness,” or renewal in the image of God, is a distinctive emphasis of Methodism. How are you pursuing this goal?
5. With whom can you share this message this week?