

Awesome Wonder

by Peter Bane, <churchletters.org>

The hymn writer famously wrote, "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art." Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn't leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees and grass, see the sun and moon every day, but they are altogether ordinary, not awesome to us.

The Scriptures teach us that the natural world is not only God's creation, but God's revelation. Ps. 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork." In Rom. 1:19-20, "For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made."

Have you ever wondered why God created everything in this world from the smallest ant to the Appalachian Mountains? The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is the masterpiece of God. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with people that He exists and that He is glorious. We ought to be moved to worship, seeing God's goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God's world. The next time you take a walk in the forest and smell the dead leaves, sink your teeth into a delectable cheeseburger, stare out the window at the sparkling snow, play with your dog, or listen to the gentle chirping of crickets in a summer night—stand in awesome wonder and let your soul sing, "How great Thou art!"



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Order of Service

May 5th, 2024

Call To Worship.....	Elder Josh
Worship in Music	Congregation
Worship in Communion.....	Congregation
Worship in Word	The Good Wife
	Pastor Ben Yu
Worship in Response	Congregation
Benediction.....	Pastor Phil
Orlando 5 Commissioning.....	Congregation

Ways to connect:

5/12: Mothers' Day: let us give thanks to God for our mums!

5/18: Celebration of Life (1pm, Rose Hills Memorial Park): join us as we celebrate Linda Lim's life (Shirley Chun's mother). More info to come.

5/19: Parent Orientation (Sun, 12pm): update on Youth Ministry and camp.

6/1: Deadline for grads: if you know a student who will graduate or be promoted this year, email <valerie@journeyec.org> to honor them on **6/30**.

6/8: All-Church Movie Viewing (FREE, 2pm, Cinemark at Bella Terra): sign up today for a private viewing of "*Unsung Hero*", a story of worship leaders King & Country and Rebecca St. James. 61 seats available (includes four disabled seats).

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Sermon Notes—**The Good Wife**

Pastor Ben Yu • Acts 2:37-47

Introduction

The Mission team

My wife

Rev. 19:7; Rev. 21:9

Nepal

Worship

Acts 2:46-47

Mark 12:30; Rev. 19:1

Instruction

Acts 2:42

2 Tim 3:16; Ro. 1:16

"my conscience is captive to the Word of God... here I stand. I can do no other. So help me God."—Martin Luther

Fellowship

Acts 2:42

1 John 1:3-6

Evangelism

Acts 2:46

Mark 13:10; Acts 20:24

Questions

What steps can I take to make this church a better wife of Christ?