Community Worship

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
Davis Chapel
Gathering
Welcome & Call to Worship  Rev. Clarence Johnson

*Song: God the Sculptor of the Mountains  (page 4)

Centering
Invocation  Vivian Jones-Johnson (MDiv ’16)

Proclaiming
Scripture Reading: Psalm 90: 1-12  Athena Bless (MDiv ’17)

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place  in all generations.
2 *Before the mountains were brought forth,*
   or ever you had formed the earth and the world,*
   from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*
3 You turn us back to dust,*
   and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
4 For *a thousand years in your sight*
   are like yesterday when it is past,*
   or like a watch in the night.*

Refrain
7 *For we are consumed by your anger;*
   by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,*
   our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 For all our days pass away under your wrath;*
   our years come to an end like a sigh.

Refrain
10 The days of our life are seventy years,*
    or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;*
    even then their span is only toil and trouble;*
    they are soon gone, and we fly away.
11 Who considers the power of your anger?*
    Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
12 So teach us to count our days*
    that we may gain a wise heart.

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5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

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Sermon: God Didn’t Change

Responding

Special Music

Sending

Benediction

*Song: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (page 5)
God the Sculptor of the Mountains

1. God the sculptor of the mountains,
   God the miller of the sand,
   God the potter of the land:
   You are womb of all creation,
   we are formless; shape us now.

2. God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
   God the cleaver of the sea,
   God the beacon of the free:
   You are fount of all deliverance,
   we are sightless; lead us now.

3. God the dresser of the vineyard,
   God the planter of the wheat,
   God the source of all we eat:
   You are host at every table,
   we are hungry; feed us now.

4. God the unexpected infant,
   God the calm, determined youth,
   God the resurrected truth:
   You are present every moment,
   we are searching; meet us now.
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God’s life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.
Notes for Today’s Worship

About the Worship Leader
Christopher Michael Coates is a native of Reidsville NC. He is currently a third year student at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. Christopher serves as the Minister of Youth at the Elm Grove Baptist Church in Reidsville.

Worship
Today’s worship service was planned by Lindsey Altvater (MDiv ’16) and Ken Pettigrew (MDiv ’16).