

## “TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, October 7, 2018)

### Share:

To all people, I will tell God's glory:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

In the company of the faithful, I will sing God's praise:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

### Read these words from a hymn today:            *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,

He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,

The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them everyone:

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,

How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

### Read this scripture from worship: Mark 10:2-16 (The Message)

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup> ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

We were created to live in relationship with neighbors, friends, loved ones, and above all with God. Think about the relationships in your life.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

Where do you find help and partnership?

Where do you feel the strain of separation or conflict?

Who do you allow to get close to you, and who do you turn away?

In what ways do those relationships reflect your relationship with God?

Pray together:

Lord Jesus, my brother, bone of my bone, stand with me this day, and let me walk with you all my life. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."