MESSAGE OUTLINE Summer in the Psalms: Awe

Psalm 33:1-12 (NIV)

¹Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
²Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
³Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

⁴For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
⁵The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
⁷He gathers the waters of the sea into jars[a]; he puts the deep into storehouses.
⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.
⁹For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

¹⁰The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
¹¹But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.

NOTES:

Sing a new song:

- Of God's faithfulness (*emunah* in Hebrew) Deuteronomy 7:9, Isaiah 25:1, Lamentations 3:22-23, 2 Timothy 2:11-13, 1 Thessalonians 5:24
 Personal, communal, cosmic
- Of righteousness and justice (tsedek and mishpat) Amos 5:24, Micah 6:8, Psalm 9:8, Psalm 103:6, 2 Peter 3:13, Matthew 12:18-21
 - Personal, communal, cosmic
- Of unfailing love (*hesed* in Hebrew)
 Isaiah 54:10, Psalm 23:6, Micah 6:8, Mark 5:19, Ephesians 2:4-5
 Personal, communal, cosmic

How will you pay <u>attention</u> to God's faithfulness, justice, and love this week?

How will you delight (<u>wonder</u>) in the new song that God is inviting you to sing?

How will you give <u>expression</u> to the faithfulness, justice, and love of Jesus in your own community?

"God's justice is a saving, healing, restorative justice, because the God to whom justice belongs is the Creator God who has yet to complete his original plan for creation and whose justice is designed not simply to restore balance to a world out of kilter but to bring to glorious completion and fruition the creation, teeming with life and possibility, that he made in

the first place." - N.T. Wright, <u>Evil and the Justice of God</u>

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