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“What Are Human Beings That You Are Mindful of Them?”

A worship service based on Psalm 8

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The following is an order of worship from the Camarillo Church of Christ. Please feel free to use it as a guide for a worship service in your congregation.

The structure of Psalm 8 falls naturally into four parts. The writer first celebrates God's glory in creation. This leads to the realization of humanity's insignificance in the face of God's majesty and holiness. However, the psalmist knows that God has a plan and a role for human beings, which causes the psalmist to return once again to praising God.

The worship service follows this pattern (as did the sermon). In addition, the service opens and closes with the same song, echoing the *inclusio* (vv 1 and 9) of the Psalm itself. This service used the modern “youth” or “praise” song by Michael W. Smith, but the traditional (and more difficult) song by H.R. Palmer is another option.

I. God's Glory in Creation

Hymn: “*Oh Lord, Our Lord*”

Welcome and Prayer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 2:4b-7

Hymn: “*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!*”

II. Humanity's Sense of Insignificance

Scripture Reading: Psalm 144:3-5

Hymn: “*O Lord, My God*”

Prayer

III. God's Role for Humankind

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-30

Hymn: “*Can You Count the Stars?*”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

Sermon: “What are Human Beings, That You Are Mindful of Them?”

Hymn: “*All Things Praise Thee*”

IV. Response of Praise

Lord's Supper

Offering

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Prayer

Hymn: “*Oh Lord, Our Lord*”

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