

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SONOMA

Exalting Jesus through the preaching of His Word

Sundays at 10:30 AM · 542 First St E, Sonoma, CA

When God Is Big in a Church That Is Small

PSALM 96:1–13

A small church is not the problem. A small God is.

1 Sing of His Great _____ (vv. 1–6)

- **a. Singing is** _____ — sung to Yahweh, named eleven times here.
- **b. Singing is for the** _____ — you can't sing a new song with an old heart (Ps 40:3).
- **c. Singing is** _____ — “all the earth” sings to the Lamb who was slain (Rev 5:9).
- All the gods (elohim) of the peoples are elilim — _____ (v. 5). Yahweh made the heavens!

2 Speak of His _____, for He Reigns! (vv. 7–10)

- To “ascribe” is to say what is already _____ of God.
- **1. Bring an** _____ (v. 8) — tribute to the King. The far-off are brought near by Christ's blood (Eph 2:13).
- **2. Tremble before His** _____ (v. 9) — not a user-friendly God (1 Cor 14:25).
- **3. Proclaim an unshakable** _____ (v. 10) — “Yahweh reigns!” **This week**, tell someone who God truly is.

3 Stand in _____, He Is Coming (vv. 11–13)

- Heavens, sea, fields, and trees — every vineyard outside your window is in this _____.
- “He is coming to judge” — the King coming to set everything _____ (Rom 8:19–22). The Judge is Christ, raised from the dead (Acts 17:31).
- **So stand in joy.** Keep your eyes on the day He comes.

CONCLUSION

- “He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness” (v. 13). Will His coming be your joy, or your dread?
- Measure Him by the cross and the empty tomb. A small church is never the problem when we serve **a big God**.

THINK AND DO LIKEWISE

- **Feeling small?** Your worth is not in building, budget, or attendance.
- **Outmatched by the culture?** Money, status, power, approval — every rival god is a “nothing”.
- **Every believer:** This week, tell someone plainly and confidently who God truly is.
- **Outside of Christ?** Repent, trust Christ who was slain, and receive a song that even death cannot silence!