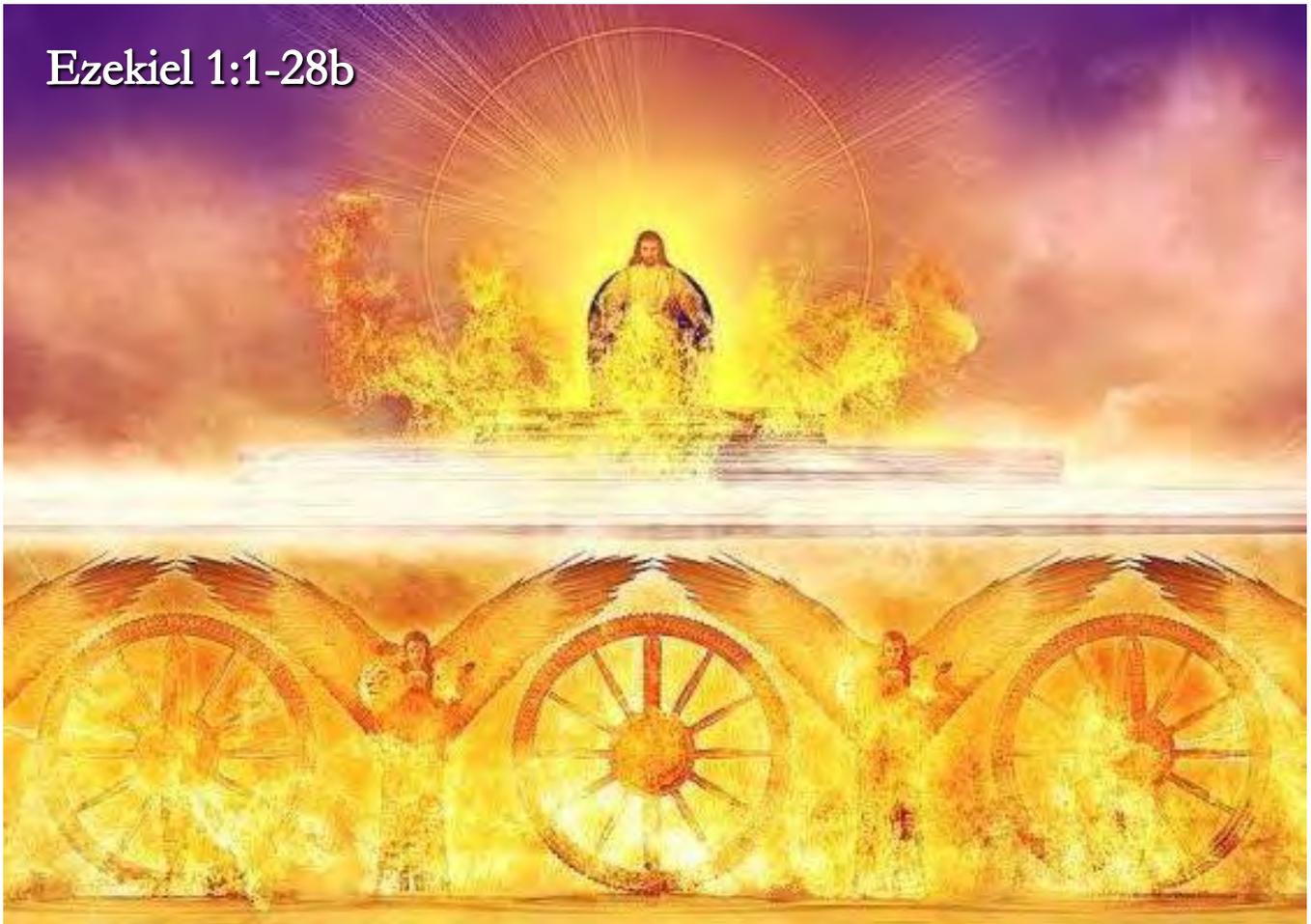


Ezekiel 1:1-28b



Odd Ball Bible:  
“The Appearance of the Likeness of the Glory of the Lord”

**July 18, 2021**

Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## Gathering and Praise

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Choral Call to Worship

**“God of the Bible”**

W&S 3020

### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 19*

*One: Come into this sacred space to worship God*

**Many: whose teaching is perfect;  
whose directions are sure.**

*One: Come into this holy place to worship God*

**Many: whose standards are right;  
whose commandment is clear;  
whose judgements are true.**

*One: Come with holy fear –  
to be given life, and made wise,  
to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.  
Come — let us worship God.*

**Many: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts  
be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

UMH 173

### Opening Prayer

**Many: We give you all thanks and praise, O God,  
for you have spoken, not in carved letters on cold stone,  
but in songs of love, warm with desire,  
sung into our hearts.**

**When time began you created the world  
and filled it with a rich abundance of birds and animals.  
You gave yourself to your people in a holy covenant of love,  
and through Moses and the prophets you led them  
in ways of justice and tenderness, of faithfulness and mercy.**

**Lead us too, as we seek this day and all days to follow you. Amen.**

### Special Music

### Proclaiming the Word

### Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture Reading

**Ezekiel 1:1-28b**

### Hymn of Preparation

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

UMH 626

Sermon

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*Dr. Dana Scopatz*

## Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Many: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: The earth and its abundance are yours, O God;  
the world, and those living in it.  
We offer our lives and the gifts of our living,  
to the fullness of your harvest  
and the greatness of your kingdom;  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH 103

Benediction

Choral Benediction

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

UMH 569

Postlude

— Worship is over. The service begins. —



Liturgy citation:

Call to Worship and Prayer of Thanksgiving: Jeff Shrowder

Opening Prayer: Nathan Nettleson

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