



June 7th, 2026

God Is

Psalm 50

1. Take time to talk through the quote from Augustine included in the front of the bulletin (included at the end of this sheet also) – What aspects of God’s character or work make you want to praise Him?
2. How does this psalm expose the difference between accumulating religious knowledge and actually knowing God?
3. How do we think about our own acts of devotion, public worship and gifts to the church? Are they religious rituals for which we expect God to be grateful, or are they expressions of our gratitude to him? (See Matthew 9:10-13 and Luke 17:10)
4. How does the doctrine of God’s aseity reshape worship? (See also Acts 17:24–25)

Aseity is God’s self-existence and self-sufficiency - “God is independent in His being, His attributes, His decrees, and His works” [L. Berkhof]

5. In what ways do people today still make God “in their image” rather than submitting to His revelation?

Where are you most tempted to reshape God into your own preferences or assumptions?

6. What is one way this passage convicted you? How can you continue to move from external religious activity toward deeper reverence, thanksgiving, and obedience to God?

Augustine, “Confessions” Book 1, section IV

“What are you, then, my God? What are you, I ask, but the Lord God? For who else is lord except the Lord, or who is god if not our God?”

*You are most high, excellent, most powerful, omnipotent,
supremely merciful and supremely just,
most hidden yet intimately present,
infinitely beautiful and infinitely strong,
steadfast yet elusive,
unchanging yourself though you control the change in all things,
never new, never old,
renewing all things yet wearing down the proud though they know it not;
ever active, ever at rest,
gathering while knowing no need,
supporting and filling and guarding,
creating and nurturing and perfecting,
seeking although you lack nothing.*

*You love without frenzy,
you are jealous yet secure,
you regret without sadness,
you grow angry yet remain tranquil,
you alter your works but never your plan;
you take back what you find although you never lost it;
you are never in need yet you rejoice in your gains,
never greedy yet you demand profits...*

After saying all that, what have we said, my God, my life, my holy sweetness? What does anyone who speaks of you really say? Yet woe betide those who fail to speak, while the chatterboxes go on saying nothing.”