Who is the God of the First Angel's Message?

Revelation 14:6-7 I saw an angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language, and people. 7 He said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and the springs of waters!"

Who is this "God" to whom we should give glory and worship? According to the angel, it is the God who made the heaven and the earth – the Creator. To find the identity of the Creator, let's start at the very beginning...

<u>Genesis 1:1-2</u> In the beginning God[elohim] created the heavens and the earth. 2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. God's[elohim] Spirit[rûwach] moved upon the face of the waters.

elohim

H430 אלהים 'ĕlôhı^ym, el-o-heem'. Moses as elohim: <u>Exodus 4:14-16;7:1</u> . Judges as elohim: <u>Exodus 21:6,8,9</u> . Angels as elohim: <u>Psalm 8:5</u> . elohim as the true God and false gods <u>Exodus 20:1-3</u> .

rûwach

H7307 rûwach, roo'-akh; from H7306; wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension, a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions). **rûwach** translated as **mind**: Genesis26:35; Proverbs29:11; Ezekiel11:5;20:32; Habakkuk1:11;

In <u>Gen 1:2</u>, we have the breath/life of elohim moving "upon the face of the waters". This understanding seems consistent with <u>Gen 2:7; Jn 20:22</u>.

Genesis 1:26 And God[elohim] said, Let us make man in our image, ...

Who is this elohim Creator God?

<u>Genesis 2:4</u> These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that **Jehovah God[elohim] made earth and heaven**.

Here, we see that the name of the elohim Creator is Jehovah. Look what He said about worshiping any other elohim:

Exodus 20:1-3 And God[elohim] spake all these words, saying, 2 I am Jehovah thy God[elohim], who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods[elohim] before me.

<u>Exodus 20:11</u> for in six days **Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is**, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

More about Jehovah as Creator: => http://sidnash.org/t/Jehovah-Elohiym-Creator.php

But who was Jehovah speaking to in Gen1:26, when He said "Let us..."?

"After the earth was created, and the beasts upon it, the Father and Son carried out their purpose, which was designed before the fall of Satan, to make man in their own image. They had wrought together in the creation of the earth and every living thing upon it. And now **God says to his Son, 'Let us make man in our image**...'" - Ellen White, <u>1SP 24.2</u>

But wait! The Bible says the Creator was Jehovah and Ellen says it was Christ's Father. Why? The Bible shows us that Jehovah is the Father of Christ and created all things through Christ:

Hebrews 1:1-2 God... Hath in these last days spoken unto us by **his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**;

<u>John 1:3-4,14</u> (NLT) "**God created everything through him**, and nothing was created except through him. **The Word** gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 14 **The Word became flesh**, and lived among us. We saw his glory, such glory as of **the one and only Son of the Father**, full of grace and truth.

<u>John 17:1-3</u> These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, ... this is life eternal, that they might know thee **the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. (Also see <u>1Cor8:6</u>)

We see here that Jesus identifies His Father as the "only true God" and says this is a matter of eternal life. He may have been making reference to Jerimiah:

<u>Jeremiah 10:10-12</u> But Jehovah is the **true God**; he is the **living God**, and an everlasting King:... 11 ... The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens. 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the heavens.

Here we see Jehovah as the "true God", "living God" and Creator. In the "Revelation of Jesus Christ"(Rev1:1), Christ revealed the "living God" as the one who seals the 144,000:

Revelation 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the **living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an **hundred** and forty and four thousand...

Does Christ further identify the "living God"? Yes:

<u>Matthew 16:16-17</u> And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.** 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Christ, through John further identified His Father as the "living God":

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an **hundred forty** and **four thousand**, having **his Father's name** written in their foreheads.

Luke also identifies the "living God" as the Creator:

Acts 14:15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto **the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:**

Does Christ further-identify His Father as Jehovah? Yes:

<u>Mark 12:29-30</u> Jesus answered, The first is, Hear, O Israel; **The Lord our God, the Lord is one**: 30 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

Surely, Jesus could only be speaking of His Father, in light of <u>Jn17:3</u>, right? It is well-established that Jesus was here quoting Moses:

<u>Deuteronomy 6:4-5</u> Hear, O Israel: **Jehovah our God is one Jehovah**: 5 and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (see note at the end of this study concerning the word "one")

Jehovah and His OT prophets also agree that God is one person => http://sidnash.org/?1God

Conclusion: Revelation 14:6-7 And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and he saith with a great voice, Fear [**Jehovah**, **the Father of Christ**], and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

Exodus 20:2-3 I am Jehovah thy God[elohim], who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Here, we saw the 1st Angel's Message and the 1st Commandment **both** declaring Jehovah as the only elohim to be worshiped.

Additional Note: There are some who claim that the Hebrew word "echad", translated "one" in <u>Deut6:4</u>, "means a oneness composed of a plurality." However, this is inconsistent with the OT use of this word. Surely Christ does NOT have a Father "composed of a plurality" of persons. To me, this seems obvious, given the quotes and texts presented in this study. But, for a deeper study of "echad", see: http://sidnash.org/t/echad.html