

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 17, 2016

*To protect the Worship environment,
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

THE GATHERING

***#108 Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 24**

LEADER: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

**ALL: for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**ALL: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**ALL: Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

**ALL: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

**ALL: The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

***Here is Love**

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, interposed His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in this world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

***THE READING OF PSALM 42**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
You delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

PRIVATE (A time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

ALL: O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

*THE READING OF REVELATION 7:9-17

*Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me, thine all in all."

(chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain-
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

(repeat chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

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*Stronger

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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***THE UNISON READING OF PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

(chorus)
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45am: Enoch Jeremiah Clements

THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.
CONNECT CLASS [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND
THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME
TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Ryan Randolph

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Michael Lemon

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
You never change, You never fail, O God

True are Your promises, true are Your promises
You never change, You never fail, O God

(chorus)

So we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy one
Who was and is and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace
You never change, You never fail, O God (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

You were, You are, You will always be (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*Congregation will stand.