

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 24, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him.

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TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**ALL: Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

LEADER: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## **\*Your Name**

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name

(chorus)

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder  
Because nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today  
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

(repeat chorus)

(Your Name) is a strong and mighty tower  
Your Name is a shelter like no other  
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder  
Because nothing has the power to save  
Because nothing has the power to save  
But Your Name

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## **\*THE READING FROM MATTHEW 16:13-18**

### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Gracious Father, forgive us for being hesitant to love the church we have received. Forgive us for going each to our own way, and forgive us for demanding that the church go with us. Forgive us when we do not respect those who lead, when we are not at peace with one another, when we do not serve one another with gifts you have given, when we repay evil with evil and not with good, when we are joyless, thankless and faithless. Help us to remember the ministry of those who have gone before us, that we too may be faithful until we rejoice with all the saints in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (From the prayers of John Calvin)

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

**LEADER:** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5:6-11

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.  
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### **\*Upon a Life I Did Not Live**

Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs,  
On these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,  
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my death and life I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see, there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,  
As one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,  
As one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

### **\*THE READING OF EPHESIANS 4:1-7, 11-16**

#### **\*My Name is on His Heart**

Praise the Lord, my burden's laid aside  
Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine  
And if I should stumble in the dark  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come  
Praise the Lord, He left to look for one  
Even if my soul should wander far  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul  
Find rest in Him the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here  
Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there  
And with Him I dwell and never part  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

Redemption Church (from the album Who We Are)

## **\*#277 The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley

## **\*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 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 [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

Nehemiah 1:1-4

## THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

## 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: Mike Bartlow & Larry Swinson  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations, for Jesus is King

(chorus)

Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sing to the King (2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.