

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 14, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Exodus 15

LEADER: Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

ALL: You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

LEADER: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

***Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, You are not like a man
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depth of Your majesty

(chorus)

You're the God of forever and ever amen!
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe
Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible, You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes, Your glory is filling this place
(repeat chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me
To pay my debt, to set me free
Invisible, You will not always be
Cause You're coming to reign as our King
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal and Immortal God, all that you have made unmistakably shows us that you are powerful and divine, and worthy of our worship. Nevertheless, even though you have revealed yourself to us, we have immorally suppressed what we know to be true. We have not honored you as God, nor given thanks to you. We have become futile in our thinking, and our hearts have become dark. Claiming to be wise, we have been fools, and we have exchanged your glory for cheap copies. We have traded your truth for a lie, and we have sought in your creation what can only be found in you yourself. Forgive us for failing to give you glory and rescue us from our idolatrous hearts. Grant us faith to seek in your Son the satisfaction of our souls, and reveal your power in our salvation.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: From Isaiah 53

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

***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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***THE READING FROM ISAIAH 52**

***Psalm 98**

**ALL: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things
His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him (repeat)**

LEADER: Psalm 98:1-3

**ALL: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things
His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him**

LEADER Psalm 98:4-6

**ALL: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things
His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him**

LEADER: Psalm 98:7-9

**ALL: Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things
His right hand and his holy arm
Have worked salvation for him (repeat)**

*#350 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

(refrain)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and oer!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

(repeat refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

(repeat refrain 2x)

TEXT: Louisa M.R. Stead MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Revelation 5

Leader: And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

All: "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

All: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

All: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

*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.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.)

(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 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.

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-13

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Dan Rudman

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 8:45 worship: Todd Koch & Mike Bartlow
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

* Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray,
"Your kingdom come."

(chorus)

Let Your kingdom come,
Let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
Let Your kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath.

Let Your kingdom come,
Let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.

(repeat chorus)

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