

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 21, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#262 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**ALL: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable .

**ALL: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

LEADER: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate .

**ALL: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

LEADER: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness .

**ALL: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

LEADER: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made .

**ALL: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

***Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah (Hallelujah)
Hallelujah (Hallelujah)

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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.
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.

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

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise. Amen.

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.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah
Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

***Awake, My Soul, to Sing**

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' mercy
For neither death nor sin will conquer thee
Christ did my ransom pay while I preferred my stains
When Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' merit
When God His judgment brings, hide me in Thee
While robed in righteousness, I will not fear it
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' blessing
Whose love lays hold of me and bids me see
He guides and guards my loves, and I am yielded
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' promise
Whose Word and victory will changeless be
For Christ's I am today and Christ's I will be
Since Jesus died for me
Since Jesus died for me

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***THE GOSPEL READING: John 2:13-25**

***He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

(chorus)

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

(repeat chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

(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 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.)

(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 SACRAMENT

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Come to Me

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

Listen to His message, words of life, forever blest.
Oh, thou heavy-laden, come to me, come and rest

(chorus)

There is freedom, taste and see.
Hear the call, come to me.
Run into His arms of grace.
Your burden carried, He will take

Bring Him all thy burdens, all thy guilt and sin.
Mercy's door is open, rise up and enter in

(repeat chorus)

Jesus, there is waiting patiently for thee.
Hear Him gently calling, come, oh, come to me.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

#66 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
He so loved this world, that He gave us His only Son,
Who yielded His life, atoned for our sin,
And opened wide the gate, so all may enter in.

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him all the glory; great things He has done.
Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God

(repeat chorus)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done
And great is our rejoicing, in Jesus Christ the Son

(repeat chorus)

But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. (4x)

(repeat chorus)

TEXT: Fanny J. Crosby MUSIC: William H. Doane

How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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: Joe Harvey & Michael Boulton
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

THE SENDING

***THE BENEDICTION**

***625 The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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