

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 6, 2017

*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 CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 86:1-13

### \*The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds,  
And kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(chorus)

Our God is a lion – the lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a lamb – the lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(repeat chorus 2x)

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

## THE CATECHISM

LEADER: What is prayer?

**ALL:** Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Almighty and gracious Father, we confess that we are slow to learn and prone to forget your goodness and grace. Rather than cry to you in prayer, we too often try to live by our own strength; rather than praise you for the good that comes, we exalt ourselves as if we brought it about. Thus, too often we find ourselves weary and confused, anxious and afraid, unsatisfied and discouraged. Please forgive our prayerlessness and thanklessness. Break us of our pride and convince us of your mercy. May we look to you to satisfy our every need and desire, and give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

LEADER: All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

**ALL:** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

## \*THE GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 7:7-11

### \*How Deep

You were broken that I might be healed.  
You were cast off that I might draw near.  
You were thirsty that I might come drink,  
Cried out in anguish that I might sing:

(chorus)

How deep is Your love,  
How high and how wide is Your mercy.  
How deep is Your grace,  
Our hearts overflow with praise  
To You.

You knew darkness that I might know light,  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried.  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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### **\*For All the Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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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.

### **8:45 AM: THE PRAYER FOR MISSIONS**

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

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-20

## RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

**All: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.**

## 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.

## Mercy

I will kneel in the dust, at the foot of the cross,  
where mercy paid for me.  
Where the wrath I deserve, it is gone, it has passed.  
Your blood has hidden me.

(chorus)

Mercy, mercy, as endless as the sea.  
I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity.

We will lift up the cup and the bread we will break,  
remembering Your love.  
We were fallen from grace, but You took on our shame  
and nailed it to a cross.

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will kneel in the dust, at the foot of the cross,  
where mercy paid for me.

## #177 What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn MUSIC: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

## You Crown the Year

(verse 1)

You crown the year with Your goodness  
You answer us with awesome deeds  
Your hope resounds, God our Savior  
To distant lands and farthest seas

You still the waves with Your presence  
You bless Your harvest with Your rain  
Your river filled with living water  
That flows to all as You ordain

(chorus)

Praise the name of the Lord  
O my soul sing His worth  
All of life join the song  
Come and lift up our King

Now let the earth join His praises  
Who dwells between the sea and sky?  
The dusk and dawn forever answer  
The call to worship God on high

(repeat chorus 2x)

(repeat vs. 1)

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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 SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*The Doxology #625

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

### AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

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: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter

\*Congregation will stand.