

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 27, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother— all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.
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TEXT: Henry van Dyke MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony; adapted by Edward Hodges

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 5

LEADER: Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my groaning.

**ALL: Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God, for to you do I pray.**

LEADER: I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.

**ALL: I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.**

LEADER: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness;
make your way straight before me.

**ALL: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,**

LEADER: and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.

**ALL: For you bless the righteous, O Lord;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.**

*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar
Our God still calms her shores
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide
Our God is still her guide
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy
God holds goodness for His people,
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue
Our God makes all things new
No promise He gives can Satan undo
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth
Nor powers of hell nor sin
Can separate the love of God [from us] (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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THE READING OF ROMANS 9:30-10:17

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty and most merciful God, forgive us for not trusting in you as we ought. Too often we have depended upon our own righteousness and good works for your acceptance. In our pride, thinking ourselves sufficient, we have sought to build our own case before you by compiling our list of achievements. Not trusting in you alone, we belittle what Christ has accomplished for us and fail to honor you as God. Enable us to trust in Christ alone. He for us: In his death, our guilt to him; In his life, his righteousness to us. Grant that we may live from him and for him from this time forward. Amen.

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

LEADER: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

ALL: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***THE READING FROM 1 KINGS 17:1-7**

***Grace and Peace**

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least,
You have said, that our judgment is death,
For all eternity, without hope, without rest

(chorus)
[Oh,] what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?
The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me!
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!
The vilest sinner's heart, can be cleansed, can be free

(repeat chorus)

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
Let songs of gratefulness, ever rise, never cease,
Loved by God, and called as a saint,
My heart is satisfied, in the riches of Christ

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***Man of Sorrows**

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God, has been on Jesus laid
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

(chorus)
Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelu - jah, praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed Him to that tree

(repeat chorus)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (2x)

(repeat chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave

(repeat chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee

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***THE READING FROM 1 KINGS 18:1, 41-46**

***You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me
When mountains stand in the path I see
I look to love that's unfailing
I look to grace that is all I need
Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God
There's nothing that can stand against You
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,
Your word will calm every crashing wave
My hope, it lies in Your promise,
My faith, it stands on the empty grave
Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus)

Strong through ev'ry trial, faithful through the night
Our God will never fail, our God will never fail
Anchor through the flood, You keep holding on
I know You'll never fail, Jesus You'll never fail
Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(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

10:45 am: Kristen Elizabeth Anderson

(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 OF GOD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 5:13-20

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

**ALL: The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

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 8:45 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*How Marvelous

I stand amazed in the presence, of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

(chorus)

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

(repeat chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

(repeat chorus 2x)

Is my Savior's love for me

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*Congregation will stand.