

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 29, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

***#97 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

TEXT: Edward Perronet; adapted by John Rippon; MUSIC: Oliver Holden

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100**

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.**

***Salvation to the Lamb**

Poor sinner, come, cast off thy fear, and raise thy heavy head;
Come, sing with all poor sinners here, Jesus, who once was dead.

Saints, from the garden to the cross, Your conquering Lord pursue,
Who, dearly to redeem your loss, did bleed and die for you.

(chorus)

Salvation sing and mercy sound when joined at Jesus' name;
Let every thankful tongue respond, "Salvation to the Lamb."

Who reigns in vict'ry over death? The glorious great I AM!
Let every soul repeat with faith: "Salvation to the Lamb."

For here our sacrifice we meet: the Lamb who freely came;
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat, "Salvation to the Lamb."

(repeat chorus 2x)

"Salvation to the Lamb."

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Words by Joseph Hart. Music by Ryan Mayo and Tyler Clements

THE READING OF I CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Father in heaven, forgive our sins.

Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus,
we have tried to pile up good deeds to outweigh our sin,
to prove ourselves worthy of your favor,
to work off our guilt.

Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus,
we have tried to change through our own efforts, through sheer will power,
rather than through the new life that He gives us.

This has left some of us arrogant.

This has left most of us anxious and discouraged.

Forgive us for trusting in ourselves,
our own wisdom rather than the Father's.
our own righteousness rather than the Son's.
our own strength rather than the Spirit's.

Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:9, 10)

ALL: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation. (Isaiah 61:10)

***Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14,16-18**

ALL: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

***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 (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our God will never fail, our God will never fail (2x)

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***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

Text & Music: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (1905) Arrangement: Chris Tomlin.ARR.UBP.CCLI#245668

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 [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(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

Ephesians 3:1-13

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 8:15 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us, seek us when we go astray

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care

Text: Dorothy Thrupp (1779-1847); Music: Brian Ortize, Katelyn Clampett.

*Congregation will stand.