

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 5, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

***#51 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

TEXT: William Williams; translated by Peter Williams and William Williams MUSIC: John Hughes

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-7**

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**ALL: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**ALL: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

***Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above**

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His courts below
Praise the holy God of love and all His greatness show.
Praise Him for His noble deeds praise Him for His matchless pow'r
Him from whom all good proceeds, let heav'n and earth adore
Let heav'n and earth adore.

(chorus)

Praise the name of Christ
Celebrate and lift Him up high
Praise the Lord of life
We'll sing the story of honor and glory and praise the name of Christ

God in whom they move and live let every creature sing
Glory to their Maker give and homage to their King.
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heav'n and earth adored
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord
Let all things praise the Lord.

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We'll sing the story of honor and glory
And praise the name

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
You alone know how often we have grieved you,
by wandering from your ways and following our own,
by diluting your truth with our wisdom,
by adding gods of our making to our worship of You.
Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

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

LEADER: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

***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.

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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.

(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

Mark 3:1-6

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

Kevin Lee

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: Kim Grubbs & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

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*Congregation will stand.