

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 12, 2018

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 90

## \*The Glories of Calvary

Lord, You're calling me to come and behold the wondrous cross.  
To explore the depths of grace that came to me at such a cost.  
Where Your boundless love conquered my boundless sin,  
And mercy's arms were opened wide.

(chorus)

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.  
Lord, take me deeper into the glories of Calvary.

Sinners find eternal joy in the triumph of Your wounds.  
By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed.  
And Your saints below join with Your saints above  
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb.

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.

(repeat chorus)

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## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Merciful Father, we have sinned times without number. We have been guilty of pride, thinking ourselves able to carry on life in our own strength, our own wisdom, our own righteousness. We have been guilty of unbelief, questioning your rule, complaining of your providence, even wondering if you care for us. We have failed to seek you in our daily lives, neglecting to pray and seek your face. We pray that you forgive us our sins, for though they present us with a list of accusations, we trust that they will not stand against us, for we trust that all have been laid upon Christ. Moreover, we desire to follow you so we pray that you deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, and everything that prevents us from trusting in you alone. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE FROM ROMANS 8

**ALL:** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## \*His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 3x)

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## \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.**

### **\*Abide With Me**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

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### **\*Jesus, There's No One Like You**

There is no song we could sing  
To honor the weight of Your glory  
There are no words we could speak  
To capture the depth of Your beauty

(chorus)

Jesus, there's no one like You  
Jesus, we love You, ever adore You  
There's no one like You  
Jesus, we love You, ever adore You, Lord

There is no sinner beyond  
The infinite stretch of Your mercy  
How can we thank You enough  
For how You have loved us completely?

(repeat chorus 2x)

All we have, all we need, all we want is You (3x)

(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.

(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

Psalm 91

### 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

Chad Donohoe

### 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 & Warran Wiebe

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*God is Able

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave  
Raised to life, our God is able  
In His name we overcome  
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way  
Far above all we know, far above all we hope  
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

(bridge)

God is with us, He will go before,  
He will never leave us, He will never leave us  
God is for us, He has open arms,  
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able  
For the Lord our God is able

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