

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 26, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

***O For a Thousand Tongues**

O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 34**

LEADER: I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

**ALL: I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

LEADER: Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

**ALL: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

*The King of Love

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and He is mine forever, and He is mine forever
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

(chorus)

Never failing ruler of my heart, everlasting, lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

(repeat chorus)

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise, within your house for ever
Within your house for ever

(repeat chorus)

Words by Henry Baker/Music by Adam Palmer, Jonathan Smith, Matthew Hein, Stephanie Kulla & Stuart Garrad
©2013 I Am "They" Publishing, Admin. By Essential Music Publishing.UBP.CCLI#245668

THE READING OF JAMES 3:1-12

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious Father, whose words give life:

We confess that our words have often led us into sin.

**With the same mouth we have sung songs of praise and uttered profanities;
encouraged some and slandered others;
spoken truth and lied;
built people up and torn them down.**

**We have failed to thank those who have blessed us;
speak grace to those who are discouraged;
hold our tongue when angry;
provide words that edify for the need of the moment.**

**Thank you, Jesus, for never speaking an idle word,
for always speaking the truth in love.**

On the basis of your death,

forgive us for the careless, unhelpful and hurtful words we have spoken.

Enable us to control what we say, that our words will minister grace to all who hear. Amen.

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

**LEADER: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

***To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
He so loved this world, that He gave us His only Son,
Who yielded His life, atoned for our sin,
And opened wide the gate, so all may enter in.

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him all the glory; great things He has done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God

(repeat chorus)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done
And great is our rejoicing, in Jesus Christ the Son

(repeat chorus 2x)

Fanny Crosby & William Doane; Arrangement: Brothers in Moab

***Carry Me Away**

As I enter in and receive Your grace,
Lord, I long to see Your holy face;
And Your steadfast love covers me today
As You carry me away.

All my flesh desires, lies of this world,
Seeking selfish gain, with unholy words.
Help me sing Your praise with my tongue again,
Until You carry me away.

(chorus)

Carry me away, carry me away,
Carry me away, Jesus, carry me away.

In my sinfulness I return again
To the righteousness of the Son of Man.
He has washed away the stain of sin
And He will carry me away.

(repeat chorus)

Heaven's closer than it's ever been
And its glory I can't comprehend;
And when Jesus comes, and returns again
He will carry me away.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Carry me away,
Jesus, carry me away.

Words and Music by Tyler Clements UBP.CCLI#245668

***THE RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 19**

LEADER: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork

**ALL: Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

LEADER: There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**ALL: Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

LEADER: The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**ALL: the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**ALL: the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

LEADER: the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

**ALL: the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**ALL: sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

LEADER: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**ALL: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!**

LEADER: Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

***Fill Thou My Life**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and thy ways, thy being and thy ways

Not for the lips of praise alone, nor even the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
Of praise in every part! Of praise in every part!

Fill every part of me with praise; let all my being speak
Of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
Though I am poor and weak, though I am poor and weak

So shall thou, Lord, from even me, receive the glory due;
And so shall I begin on earth
The song forever new, the song forever new.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care, be turned into a song,
And every winding of the way
The echo shall prolong, the echo shall prolong

So shall no part of day or night, from sacredness be free;
But all of my life, in every step
Be fellowship with thee, be fellowship with thee.

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1866; Music: Tyler Clements, 2018

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

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race the saints' and angels' song.

(chorus)

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

(repeat chorus 2x)

WORDS: Frederick M. Lehman, 1917; v.3 by Meier Ben Isaac Nehoria, 1050; v.3. Tr. MUSIC: F.M. Lehman, 1917; arr. By Claudia L. Mays

*Congregation will stand.