

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 7, 2019

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

**\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 46**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.**

Leader: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**All: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**\*Christ Be All Around Me**

As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up  
As I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight  
As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain  
As I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide, be my guide

(chorus)

Above and below me, before and behind me  
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me (repeat)

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side  
And as I rest, breath of God, fall upon, bring me peace...bring me peace

(repeat chorus)

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed  
For every moment, every moment (repeat 4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.  
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.  
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

(From Psalm 130)

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

## THE ASSURANCE

LEADER: Put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
He himself redeems you from all your sins.

(From Psalm 130)

## \*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.

## \*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

(chorus)

O Pard'ning Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God are safe, to sin no more.

At Jesus' cross a thief could see this fount its grace display  
And there I saw, though vile as he, Christ wash my sins away.

(repeat chorus)

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

(repeat chorus)

Then shall my heart be tuned for heav'n and formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.  
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### **\*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (repeat)

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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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 Jacob Aaron Huerter

## 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)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:73-80

### 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 LORD'S SUPPER

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

### 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.

## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

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## Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

(chorus)

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(repeat chorus)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

#### \*#625 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

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: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Larry Swinson

\*Congregation will stand.