

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 18, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

(chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

(repeat chorus)

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To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
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(repeat verse 1)

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*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**ALL: I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

LEADER: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**ALL: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

***You Alone Can Rescue**

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea, Your grace is deeper still

(repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way, the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus 2x)

To You alone belongs the highest praise (2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: In confidence of your goodness and great mercy, O Lord,
I draw near unto you,
as one sick to the healer,
as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life,
a creature to the Creator,
a needy soul to the King of Heaven and my only true comfort.
I confess to you my own sin.
Behold, in you is all that I can or ought to desire.
You are my salvation and my redemption,
my help and my strength.
Cleanse and make glad the soul of your servant,
for unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul.

(Adapted from a prayer of Thomas a' Kempis, d. 1471)

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND ACCEPTANCE BY GOD

LEADER: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

ALL: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

(From Psalm 130)

***How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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***How Can I Keep from Singing**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation:
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth:
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the tempest roars all help from God expecting
Whose banner over us is love; until our souls' perfecting
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:
All things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

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Words by Robert Lowry, 3rd verse adapted from Robert Lowry

*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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

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.

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

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)

(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

Ruth 4:1-17

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: Darby Ritter & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Kim Grubbs

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*Congregation will stand.