# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 18, 2016

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!

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!

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!

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

#### \*THE ANNOUNCEMENT

LEADER: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. Isaiah 9:6.7a

## \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

8:15am: Sean & Kristi Fender and Family 10:45am: Ally Ferguson

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*Salvation to the Lamb

Poor sinner, come, cast off thy fear, and raise thy heavy head; Come, sing with all poor sinners here, Jesus, who once was dead.

Saints, from the garden to the cross, Your conquering Lord pursue, Who, dearly to redeem your loss, did bleed and die for you.

(chorus

Salvation sing and mercy sound when joined at Jesus' name; Let every thankful tongue respond, "Salvation to the Lamb."

Who reigns in vict'ry over death? The glorious great I AM! Let every soul repeat with faith: "Salvation to the Lamb."

For here our sacrifice we meet: the Lamb who freely came; Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat, "Salvation to the Lamb."

(repeat chorus 2x)

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Words by Joseph Hart. Music by Ryan Mayo and Tyler Clements

#### \*THE READING OF ISAIAH 53:1-6

#### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and rich in mercy; there is always forgiveness with youl Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Bind up that which is broken. Give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us through your word, and may it abide with us until it has produced in us your holy will. Amen.

**PRIVATE** (A time of silence is kept for confession of personal sins)

LEADER: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrews 2: 14-18

ALL: We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: He was rich and yet for our sake he became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich. (based on 2 Corinthians 8.9)

#### \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,

and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried:

and the third day he rose again according to the Scripture,

and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;

whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicaea {325}, and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon {451}. It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.)

# \*My Name is on His Heart .

Praise the Lord, my burden's laid aside Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine And if I should stumble in the dark Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come Praise the Lord, He left to look for one Even if my soul should wander far Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul Find rest in Him the Lord He is my rock and my salvation, My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there And with Him I dwell and never part Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

#### \*Raised To Life

Precious compassion that pours From the wounds that have won our salvation Sin was strong but the Savior is stronger Come let us worship Him

Great was the debt that we owed And how high was the price of our healing Paid in full by the One who is worthy Come let us worship Him

(chorus)

Raised to life with Christ the Savior In His name a new creation Now our song will rise Adoring Christ the Lord

Death overcome by the Word That was spoken before it was finished Jesus saves is our song everlasting Come let us worship Him

(repeat chorus)

Sin was strong but, Jesus is stronger Our shame was great but, Jesus you're greater (4x)

(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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 10:45 Annabelle Sue Campbell

## 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. Connect Class [ $5^{\text{Th}}$  &  $6^{\text{Th}}$  grade] head directly to Room 7)

(10:45am service: Internationals who wish to attend the special International Teaching time may be dismissed at this time to Room 17—Just to the right as you leave the 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

Titus 2:11-3:8

### RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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.

#### Love Divine

Purify our hearts with truth, and guide them in Your way Sanctify our lives anew, have mercy, Lord, we pray

(pre-chorus)

That we may do what's pleasing in Your sight and know the fullness of Your sacrifice

(chorus)

Lord, we come to You, we're amazed by You And all You've done, all You've done for us You have set us free, oh the mystery of all You've done, all You've done for us

We break this bread, we drink this cup, remembering the cross The beauty of Your love divine, is washing over us

(repeat pre-chorus)

(repeat chorus)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen (repeat)

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## Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; at His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress; Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia, Alleluia, Glorious in faithfulness. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space, Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, Alleluia, Widely still His mercy flows. Alleluia, Alleluia.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880)

## Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King He the theme of heavens praises, robed in frail humanity In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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# THE PRAYER ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

LEADER: Lord, stir up, we pray, your power, and come among us, and with great might help us; that though our sins and wickedness hinder us in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, 1928)* 

# THE SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

# \*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ALL: Christ has come. Christ is coming again. Hallelujahl

# \*#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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Mike Bartlow

\*Congregation will stand.