

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 28, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#76 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 CALL TO WORSHIP

*King of Saints

(verse 1)

Jesus Christ, God's holy Lamb, We will laud Thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree, And all our debt was paid by Thee.

Thou has washed us in Thy blood, Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor; Less we can't, we can't give more.

(chorus)

Souls redeemed, your voices raise, Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are Thy ways and true; Endless honors are Thy due;
Grace and glory in Thee shine; Matchless mercy, love divine.

We for whom Thou once was slain, We Thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree, "Spirit make us more like Thee."

(repeat chorus 2x)

(repeat vs. 1)

(repeat chorus 2x)

***THE READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-11**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious and holy Father,
we confess that our hearts are consumed
with the fears and cares of this world.
The deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things
choke out Your Word and grieve Your Spirit in our lives.
Forgive us for being led astray
from a single-minded, pure, and undistracted devotion to You,
our faithful Father, our loving Savior and life-giving Spirit.
Pardon us for doubting your promises and questioning your goodness.
Send your Spirit to rekindle the fires of devotion in our hearts.
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Amen.**

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

LEADER: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24-25

ALL: Thanks be to God who forgives our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE PSALTER READING: PSALM 63:1-8**

***By Thy Mercy**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(refrain)

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

(repeat refrain)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(repeat refrain 2x)

***Your Great Name**

Lost are saved, find their Way
At the sound of Your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name.

(chorus)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name.

The Fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name.
The sick are healed and the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name.

(repeat chorus)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King. (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Your great name, Your great name.

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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.

10:45am Prayer for Missions

***THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

10:45 Tinsley Grace Mayo, Lily Kate Mayo

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 [5TH & 6TH 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

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)

(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
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We break this bread, we drink this cup, remembering the cross

The Glory of the Cross

What wisdom once devised the plan where all our sin and pride
Was placed upon the perfect Lamb Who suffered, bled, and died?
The wisdom of a Sovereign God Whose greatness will be shown
When those who crucified Your Son rejoice around Your throne

(chorus)

And, oh, the glory of the cross
That You would send Your Son for us
I gladly count my life as loss
That I might come to know
The glory of, the glory of the cross

What righteousness was there revealed that sets the guilty free
That justifies ungodly men and calls the filthy clean?
A righteousness that proved to all Your justice has been met
And holy wrath is satisfied through one atoning death

(repeat chorus)

What mercy now has been proclaimed for those who would believe
A love incomprehensible our minds could not conceive?
A mercy that forgives my sin then makes me like Your Son
And now I'm loved forevermore because of what You've done

(repeat chorus)

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Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(chorus)

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Words: John Wilbur Chapman. Music: Rowland Prichard

***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: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Dan Wethington

*Congregation will stand.