

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 19, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#108 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 111

LEADER: Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**ALL: Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**

LEADER: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**ALL: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

LEADER: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

**ALL: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

*How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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*THE READING OF PROVERBS 2:1-15

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew within each of us a right spirit.
Restore the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit.

ALL: O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths will declare your praise.

***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.

(chorus)

Jesus, my life. Jesus, my strength.
Jesus, my love. All to You, All to You, Jesus.

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.

(repeat chorus)

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)

***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: 1Timothy 3:16**

**ALL: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory. Amen.**

*The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

(chorus)

Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wear;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart.

(repeat chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove.
Which never could from them remove.

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*#382 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull
MUSIC: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen.Arr. © 1986 WORD MUSIC (a div. of
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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

8:15am: Hanna Mei Lee, Caleb David Lee

10:45am: Adlin rhy Hester Wiebe, Ellis Jase Kallio Wiebe

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 PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 1:1-8

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 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 & Dan Wethington
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Mike Bartlow

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah to My King

O, how strong the power of Jesus' name
It is stronger than any other name
How sweet the victory that bore my shame
Took the burden of my sin away

(chorus)

Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him
Hallelujah, what a Savior, hallelujah to my King

O, how great the kindness our God has shown
We were strangers, now we're called His own
His grace has welcomed the sinner home
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

(repeat chorus)

O, what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings
Through the trials, He will carry me
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hallelujah to my King

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*Congregation will stand.