

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 11, 2018

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#262 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**ALL: For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

## \*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Almighty and merciful Father, as those who have heard the gospel and believed, we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, our guarantee that we belong to you. Yet situations and circumstances arise that cause us to doubt if this is true. Our anxiety and worry betray us. Rather than seek your guidance and help through your word and prayer, we follow our own way and live by our own strength. Forgive us for Jesus sake, and grant us grace that we may live to the praise of your glory.

**PRIVATE** (Silence is kept for private confession)

**LEADER:** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:11-14

**ALL:** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11: 33, 36

### **\*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among Your seed, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin: I have Your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, me You've taken for-e'er to be Your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, me You've given Your righteous, holy life to share;  
O Holy Spirit, You will be a comfort, guide, and help to me.

My faithful God, Your Word fails never, Your covenant surely will abide;  
Oh, cast me not away forever, should I transgress it on my side!  
Though I have oft my soul defiled, in love forgive, restore Your child.

Yes, all I am and love most dearly I offer now, O Lord, to You.  
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, and what I say, help me to do.  
Let naught within me naught I own, serve any will but Yours alone.

Johann J. Rambach, 1723; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

### **\*THE READING OF TITUS 3:3-8**

#### **\*Awake, My Soul, to Sing**

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' mercy  
For neither death nor sin will conquer thee  
Christ did my ransom pay while I preferred my stains  
When Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' merit  
When God His judgment brings, hide me in Thee  
While robed in righteousness, I will not fear it  
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' blessing  
Whose love lays hold of me and bids me see  
He guides and guards my loves, and I am yielded  
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' promise  
Whose Word and victory will changeless be  
For Christ's I am today and Christ's I will be  
Since Jesus died for me  
Since Jesus died for me  
Since Jesus died for me

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## **\*All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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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 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<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

*(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

Ephesians 1:3-14

### 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 & Dan Wethington  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey

## THE SENDING

### THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

#### \*#275 How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

TEXT: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

\*Congregation will stand.