

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 25, 2018

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretched from shore to shore, 'til moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoner leaps, unloosed his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered; based on Psalm 72 MUSIC: John Hatton

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**ALL: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

LEADER: One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

**ALL: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

LEADER: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.

**ALL: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

LEADER: The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

## \*Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners, sing oh sing you weary  
Oh praise Him all you children of God  
We lift high His glory - shown throughout our stories  
We praise Him as the children of God

(chorus)

Our great redeemer, Glorious Savior  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Light of the morning, You shine forever  
Your name is higher than the rising sun  
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His name forever, speak it loud and clear now  
Oh praise Him all you children of God

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah name above all, we lift Your name in praise  
Hallelujah now and always, we lift Your name in praise (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

Your name is higher than the rising sun

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## THE READING OF MARK 9:2-9

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions; wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, cleanse us from our sin. For we are well aware of our transgressions, our sins are constantly in mind. Against You, You alone, we have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, uphold us with a willing spirit.

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

**LEADER:** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7

**ALL:** Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise. Amen.

**\*Psalm 130**

**(From the Depths of Woe)**

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee? (2x)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
And live alone by mercy (2x)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;  
I wait for it with patience (2x)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth.  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd, good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow. (3x)

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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.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

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.

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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.

**10:45 PRAYER FOR MISSIONS**

## 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 SACRAMENT

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

### 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 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.

### O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of His love,  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own.  
How for them He intercedeth, watches o'er them from the throne.

TEXT: S. Trevor Francis

## **This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

## **#177 What Wondrous Love Is This**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn MUSIC: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

## **\*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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton

\*Congregation will stand.