

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 17, 2019

*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 86:9-12

LEADER: All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

**ALL: For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.**

LEADER: Teach me your way, O Lord,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.

**ALL: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

## \*The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds,  
And kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(chorus)

Our God is the lion – the lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a lamb – the lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(repeat chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord

(repeat chorus)

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## THE READING OF EXODUS 17:8-13

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not revealed our sin. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has often been praiseless sound; our best services fall short of your glory. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in Your appeasing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven, Your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down, Your righteousness exalts us to Your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in You plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to Your throne of boundless grace. Grant us to hear Your assuring voice: that by Your stripes we are healed; that You were bruised for our iniquities; that You were made sin for us that we might be righteous in You; that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of Your concealing blood. Grant us faith, that may we cling to Your word, Your righteousness, Your gospel, Your salvation. Amen.

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

### THE ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

**LEADER:** 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 1:13-14

**ALL:** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Psalm 86:5

### **\*Beautiful, Scandalous Night**

Go on up to the mountain of mercy. to the crimson perpetual tide  
Kneel down on the shore , be thirsty no more  
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain, sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall  
Cleanse your heart and your soul, in the fountain that flowed  
For you and for me and for all

(chorus)

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree  
On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me  
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white  
On that beautiful, scandalous night

On the hillside, you will be delivered, at the foot of the cross justified  
And your spirit restored by the river that poured  
From our blessed Savior's side

(repeat chorus 2x)

On that beautiful, scandalous night

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### **\*THE READING OF LUKE 18:1-8**

#### **\*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul**

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,  
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With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet

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### **\*Cling to the Crucified**

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb  
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am  
O Cling to the risen Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain  
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain  
O cling to the Holy Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, Cling to His side  
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide  
O cling to the coming Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb  
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am  
O Cling to the risen Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen  
Alleluia, Amen

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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)

*(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 6:10-20

### 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: Dan Wethington & Scott Rask  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter

## THE SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*#560 For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

TEXT: Foliott S. Pierpoint, altered; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher; arranged by William H. Monk

\*Congregation will stand.