

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 24, 2019

*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: Isaiah 12:2-6

LEADER: Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**ALL: for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.**

LEADER: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

**ALL: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

## \*The Glories of Calvary

Lord, You're calling me to come and behold the wondrous cross.  
To explore the depths of grace that came to me at such a cost.  
Where Your boundless love conquered my boundless sin,  
And mercy's arms were opened wide.

(chorus)

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.  
Lord, take me deeper into the glories of Calvary.

Sinners find eternal joy in the triumph of Your wounds.  
By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed.  
And Your saints below join with Your saints above  
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb.

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.  
Lord, take me deeper into the glories ...

(repeat chorus)

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## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1John 1:5b-8)

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

LEADER: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1John 1:9-2:2)

### **\*Upon a Life I Did Not Live**

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,  
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;  
There both my death and life I read,  
My guilt, and pardon there I see, (there I see.)

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!  
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

### **\*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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**\*RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**ALL: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

LEADER: But the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**ALL: And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

LEADER: Your gates shall be open continually;  
day and night they shall not be shut,

**ALL: They shall call you the City of the Lord,  
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

LEADER: Violence shall no more be heard in your land,  
devastation or destruction within your borders;

**ALL: You shall call your walls Salvation,  
and your gates Praise.**

LEADER: The sun shall be no more your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;

**ALL: but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.**

**\*Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (3x)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

## 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 PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: 10:45 am

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

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heavens praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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