

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 16, 2020

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, are present there.

His hand is my perpetual guard; He keeps me in His eye  
How should I then forget the Lord, who is forever nigh?  
O glorious is Thy Cov'nant grace, revealed in Christ, Thy son  
In whom we see the Father's face and worship at His throne!

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered MUSIC: From Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wurttemberg, 1784

### **\*The Prayer of Invocation**

#### **\*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 24:1-4, 7-8**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell within.

**All: For He has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in His holy place?

**All: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: Lift up your head, O gates! And be lifte up, O ancient doors,  
that the king of glory may come in.

**All: Who is this King of Glory?  
The Lord of hosts, strong and mighty;  
He is the King of Glory!**

## \*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 Prayers of Confession

**All: Almighty God,**

**it is your will that we should love You  
with all of our heart, soul, and mind  
and our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Yet we are not sufficient for these things.**

**We confess that we too often live our days with:**

**A hardened heart and unruly tongue,**

**An unwillingness to bear the burdens of others,**

**and an eagerness to let others bear ours,**

**Neglected opportunities to love our neighbors,**

**Selfish with our skill and talents,**

**Indifference to the blessings we are given,**

**And apathy towards the Giver of all good gifts.**

**Please, Father, accept our repentance and enable us to amend our lives  
through the power of Your Spirit. Turn our despair over our sins into  
the joy of forgiveness because of the work of Christ.**

*(adapted from the prayers of John Bailie)*

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

## The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my statutes. Ezekiel 36:25-27

### \*Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

TEXT: William T. Sleeper MUSIC: ©2000 Greg Thompson

### \*The Unison Reading of 1 Peter 1: 3-5

**All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

### \*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

'Tis here, when'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
Won't You chase my fears away.

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of Thy love  
But the full glories of Thy face are only known above,  
They are only known above.

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.

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## \*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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
And truth eternal is thy word:  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise!  
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue!

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.

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

## 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: John 3:1-15

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

The Message from Scripture

Bill Vogler

# THE SENDING

## \*The Benediction

## \*How Marvelous

I stand amazed in the presence, of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

(chorus)

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

(repeat chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see  
"Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of his love for me

(repeat chorus 2x)

Is my Savior's love for me

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## 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: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

\*Congregation will stand.