

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 3, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#75 (Trinity) O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose— our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,  
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

TEXT: Margaret Clarkson, 1982 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*Psalm 117 & 118**

**(chorus)**

**Praise the LORD, all you nations**

**Extol Him all you people, for great is His love for us.**

**Praise the LORD, He is faithful**

**His love endures forever, and great is His love for us.**

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

the LORD answered me and set me free.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

What can man do to me?

The LORD is on my side as my helper;

I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

**(repeat chorus)**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;

he has become my salvation.

Glad sons of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

the right hand of the LORD exalts,

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

**(repeat chorus)**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

**(repeat chorus)**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

**(repeat chorus)**

### **\*Come Thou Fount**

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my \*Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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\*\*an altar to remind of God's faithfulness in 1 Samuel 7"  
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### **\*THE READING FROM MARK 4:35-41**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Most mighty and gracious Father, we bow before you in the name of Jesus, who even the wind and the sea obey, confessing that though we have eyes to see we do not behold your honor; though we have ears to hear we do not listen to your glorious law; though you have given us minds to understand we do not contemplate your righteous decrees; though you have given us desires to love we do not worship you in Spirit and truth; though you have given us wills to obey we turn to our own way; though you have given us our lives to share with others we hurt and fail to bless. We see and do recognize what is right, and now confess that we have refused to act according to your truth and have sinned against you.

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

#### **THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:31-39 ESV

### \*How Can I Keep from Singing

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?

What thou my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth:  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the tempest roars all help from God expecting  
Whose banner over us is love; until our souls' perfecting  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

Words by Robert Lowry, 3<sup>rd</sup> verse adapted from Robert Lowry

### \*All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised, in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

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### \*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 23, 27, 28, 30

Leader: How is Christ our redeemer?

**All: As our redeemer, Christ is prophet, priest, and king in both his humiliation and his exaltation.**

Leader: How was Christ humiliated?

**All: Christ was humiliated: by being born as a man and in a low condition; by being made subject to the law and suffering the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the curse of death on the cross; and by being buried and remaining under the power of death for a time.**

Leader: How was Christ exalted?

**All: Christ is exalted by his rising from the dead on the third day, his ascending up into heaven, his sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and his coming to judge the world at the last day.**

Leader: How does the Holy Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**All: The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by producing faith in us and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effective calling.**

## **\*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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

10:45am: John Ryan Osborne

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:  
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL  
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## **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.

## **THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER**

### **THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 77

### **THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE**

Chad Donohoe

### **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 8:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Mike Barlow

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song,  
Highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King,  
Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior  
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue,  
In darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea,  
From death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow,  
Hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King,  
You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.