

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 17, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#25 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious— Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest— to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest— the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish— but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render— O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn melody from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 135

## \*God is Able

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave  
Raised to life, our God is able  
In His name we overcome  
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way  
Far above all we know, far above all we hope  
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

(bridge)

God is with us, He will go before,  
He will never leave us, He will never leave us  
God is for us, He has open arms,  
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able  
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## \*THE READING FROM HEBREWS 4:14-16

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, though You are ever faithful to us, we confess that we have been unfaithful to You, though You have loved us, we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have failed to seek You in everything, we have believed that we know what is best for ourselves, we have relied upon our own strength, we have coveted what we do not have, we have doubted Your provision of grace and mercy, we have not obeyed Your commandments. We have sinned against You. But this we know, that You have given Your Son for us, our substitute, the Lamb of God who takes away our sins, who provides all that we need for forgiveness of sin, for life and for godliness. Grant, we pray, that we may trust in Him alone, and live faithful to You. Amen.**

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

### THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Psalm 103:8-13

### **\*Man of Sorrows**

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed  
The sin of man and wrath of God, has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned  
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

(chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me  
Now my soul cries out hallelu - jah, praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem  
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed Him to that tree

(repeat chorus)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full  
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled  
Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me  
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (2x)

(repeat chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb  
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave

(repeat chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee

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### **\*Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sovereign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace, to You belongs the highest praise.

(chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace, the Name above all other names.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide  
And every enemy shall flee, You are my hope and victory.

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows.

(repeat chorus 2x)

The name above all other names.

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**\*THE READING FROM MARK 4:1-9, 13-20**

**\*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me, heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;  
Oh 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;  
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain.  
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee;  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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**\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into Hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

## **\*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: Sophia Sadie Santee, Mekdes Mary Ann Santee

(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**

Hebrews 12:15-17

### **THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE**

Rick Pratte

### **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: Scott Rask & Joe Harvey

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Michael Boulton

# 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: Follitt S. Pierpoint, altered; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher; arranged by William H. Monk

\*Congregation will stand.