

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 31, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him.  
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TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 12

LEADER: You will say in that day:  
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

**ALL: "Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
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:  
"Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**ALL: "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.  
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

## \*Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, interposed His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in this world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

Words: William Rees (1802-1883) Original tune by Robert Lowry (c. 1895) CCLI#245668

## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Our Father in heaven, the one who sees all and knows all, even to the depths of our soul: We acknowledge that though you know our sin, still you love us, and that in your love you sent your son to die for us, putting upon him our guilt so that his death was a propitiation for our sin, that we might be forgiven and justified in your sight. Trusting in Him, we confess that we often fail to give you thanks for this wondrous love, forget its transforming power, dismiss the joy it stirs. Forgive us, we pray. May the perfect assurance of your love, forgiveness, and presence give us peace.

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

**LEADER:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

**ALL:** Thanks be to God for his salvation.

## \*THE READING OF JOHN 7:37-39

### \*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath the flood lose all their guilty stains.

At Jesus' cross a thief could see this fount its grace display  
And there I saw, though vile as he, Christ wash my sins away.

(chorus)

O Pard'ning Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God are safe, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

(repeat chorus)

Then shall my heart be tuned for heav'n and formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.  
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### \*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar  
Our God still calms her shores  
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway  
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide  
Our God is still her guide  
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near  
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger  
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy  
God holds goodness for His people,  
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue  
Our God makes all things new  
No promise He gives can Satan undo  
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth  
Nor powers of hell nor sin  
Can separate the love of God from us (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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### \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF GOD

**ALL: We believe that God—  
who is perfectly merciful and also very just—  
sent the Son to assume the nature  
in which the disobedience had been committed,  
in order to bear in it the punishment of sin  
by his most bitter passion and death.  
So God made known his justice toward his Son,  
who was charged with our sin,  
and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us,  
who are guilty and worthy of damnation,  
giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love,  
and raising him to life for our justification,  
in order that by him we might have immortality  
and eternal life.**

(Belgic Confession, Article 20)

## **\*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.

(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 AND SACRAMENT**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Nehemiah 8:13-18

### **THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE**

Bill Vogler

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

## You Crown the Year

(verse 1)

You crown the year with Your goodness  
You answer us with awesome deeds  
Your hope resounds, God our Savior  
To distant lands and farthest seas

You still the waves with Your presence  
You bless Your harvest with Your rain  
Your river filled with living water  
That flows to all as You ordain

(chorus)

Praise the name of the Lord  
O my soul sing His worth  
All of life join the song  
Come and lift up our King

Now let the earth join His praises  
Who dwells between the sea and sky?  
The dusk and dawn forever answer  
The call to worship God on high

(repeat chorus 2x)

(repeat vs. 1)

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## Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(chorus)

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus)

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus 2x)

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry

## Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations, for Jesus is King

(chorus)

Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sing to the King (2x)

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*The Doxology #625

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

## 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 8:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Larry Swinson  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

\*Congregation will stand.