

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 15, 2017

*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

Leader: Lord, open our lips.  
And our mouths will proclaim Your praise.  
Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**All: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to Him with psalms.**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are His also.  
The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hands have molded the dry land.

**All: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to His voice!**

### **\*You Alone Can Rescue**

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea, Your grace is deeper still

(repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way, the great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still  
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus 2x)

To You alone belongs the highest praise (2x)

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### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

Leader: O Lord, You have been a generous provider to us.

**All: Forgive us when we have not been generous to others with all we possess.**

Leader: O Lord, You have welcomed us into Your family.

**All: Forgive us when we have not been hospitable to others.**

Leader: O Lord, You have loved us as Your children.

**All: Forgive us when we have not loved our neighbors.**

Leader: O Lord, we ask that You have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins in thought, word, and deed.

**All: Forgive us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our perfect sacrifice. Grant us repentance, and renew us in the Holy Spirit.**

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

### **THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**

Leader: If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation. Amen.

## **\*Grace and Peace**

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least,  
You have said, that our judgment is death,  
For all eternity, without hope, without rest

(chorus)

Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery  
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me!  
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!  
The vilest sinner's heart, can be cleansed, can be free

(repeat chorus)

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?  
Let songs of gratefulness, ever rise, never cease,  
Loved by God, and called as a saint,  
My heart is satisfied, in the riches of Christ

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## **\*THE READING FROM ROMANS 8:18-25**

### **\*The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Brian Moss

### **\*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

### **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #27**

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

**All: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.**

### **\*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)

(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 WORD AND PRAYER

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90

### RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

### 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 8:15 worship: Todd Koch & Warran Wiebe  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington

## 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.