

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 2, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#51 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

TEXT: William Williams; translated by Peter Williams and William Williams MUSIC: John Hughes

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

All: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

*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 SCRIPTURE READING FROM LUKE 18:9-14

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: God be merciful to me a sinner.

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

LEADER: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

*Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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***THE READING FROM MATTHEW 8:1-13**

***The Glory of the Cross**

What wisdom once devised the plan where all our sin and pride
Was placed upon the perfect Lamb Who suffered, bled, and died?
The wisdom of a Sovereign God Whose greatness will be shown
When those who crucified Your Son rejoice around Your throne

(chorus)

And, oh, the glory of the cross
That You would send Your Son for us
I gladly count my life as loss
That I might come to know
The glory of, the glory of the cross

What righteousness was there revealed that sets the guilty free
That justifies ungodly men and calls the filthy clean?
A righteousness that proved to all Your justice has been met
And holy wrath is satisfied through one atoning death

(repeat chorus)

What mercy now has been proclaimed for those who would believe
A love incomprehensible our minds could not conceive?
A mercy that forgives my sin then makes me like Your Son
And now I'm loved forevermore because of what You've done

(repeat chorus)

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***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.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue;
Oh, while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me; show Thy face, and all is bright.

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.

(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

Matthew 9:9-13

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
You never change, You never fail, O God

True are Your promises, true are Your promises
You never change, You never fail, O God

(chorus)

So we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy one
Who was and is and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace
You never change, You never fail, O God (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

You were, You are, You will always be (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*Congregation will stand.