

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 10, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

* 108 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**ALL: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

LEADER: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**ALL: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

LEADER: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**ALL: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

LEADER: The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever**

*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.

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

THE READING OF 1 PETER 4:7-11

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God,
Who, by Your Spirit, has baptized us into one body, Your church;
Who, through Your Son, has given gifts that we may mature in the faith:
Forgive us for thinking ourselves self-sufficient,
able to grow on our own, without one another,
without the gifts that You give to the church to lead us, teach us, and disciple us.
Forgive us for failing to use the gifts You have given
to serve one another and build one another up in the faith.
Enable us to trust You to work in us and through us in Your church,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

LEADER: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

ALL: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***Psalm 130**

(From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
Men: O who shall stand before Thee?
Women: O who shall stand before Thee? (2x)

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,
Men: And live alone by mercy
Women: And live alone by mercy (2x)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
Men: I wait for it with patience
Women: I wait for it with patience (2x)

What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
Men: And wait till God appeareth.
Women: And wait till God appeareth. (2x)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth.
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd, good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
Men: From all their sin and sorrow.
Women: From all their sin and sorrow. (3x)

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***For All the Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: COLOSSIANS 1:15-20**

**ALL: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

***It Is Well with My Soul / All to Us**

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(refrain)

It is well

echo: It is well

With my soul

echo: With my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(repeat refrain)

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin not in part but the whole.
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(repeat refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul.

(repeat refrain)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives
We believe You're all to us (repeat)

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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

8:45 am: Hannah Rose Williams Rogers

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

Ephesians 4:1-16

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

All: *The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.*

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

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: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*10,000 Reasons

(chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I will worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will worship Your holy name.
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