

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 17, 2018

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*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 lifts its 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.  
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TEXT: Follitt S. Pierpoint, altered; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher; arranged by William H. Monk

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 96

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**ALL: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

**ALL: Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

LEADER: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**ALL: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"**

## \*Raised To Life

Precious compassion that pours  
From the wounds that have won our salvation  
Sin was strong but the Savior is stronger  
Come let us worship Him (repeat)

Great was the debt that we owed  
And how high was the price of our healing  
Paid in full by the One who is worthy  
Come let us worship Him

(chorus)

Raised to life with Christ the Savior  
In His name a new creation  
Now our song will rise  
Adoring Christ the Lord

Death overcome by the Word  
That was spoken before it was finished  
Jesus saves is our song everlasting  
Come let us worship Him

(repeat chorus)

Sin was strong but, Jesus is stronger  
Our shame was great but, Jesus you're greater (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## THE READING OF 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-10

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Holy and most Merciful Father,  
Though we should look to You to guide us, we inform ourselves;  
Though we should look to you to rule us, we follow our own ways;  
Though you should fulfill us, we try to console ourselves.  
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,  
your power too remote, your love too free.  
But they are not!  
Without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Forgive our sins.  
Heal our confused minds with your word,  
heal our divided wills with your law,  
heal our troubled consciences with your love,  
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,  
all for the sake of your Son,  
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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

**LEADER:** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5

**ALL:** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Psalm 32:1-2

### \*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 PROFESSION OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #52

LEADER: What comfort is it to you that Christ will come to judge the living and the dead?

**ALL: In all my sorrow and persecution, I lift up my head and eagerly await as judge from heaven the very same person who before has submitted Himself to the judgment of God for my sake, and has removed all the curse from me. He will cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but He will take me and all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.**

### \*Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, for all eternity.

For all eternity (2x)

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## **\*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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## **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**

10:45 am: Nathanael James Ney

(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

2 Peter 3:14-18

### 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

Ryan Randolph

### 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

#### \*We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.