

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 15, 2018

*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: Psalm 100:1-5

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, he is God!

**ALL: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

* Your Great Love

(verse 1)

We have come with broken hearts to meet the One, God's own Son
Jesus, restore us with Your grace
Nations join their mouths of praise to sing to You, Your love endures
Jesus, restore us in this place

(chorus)

For Your glory we cry, endless shouts to the sky
To Your throne room we come, through Your great love (repeat)

Though our sin lies deep in us we can live when You forgive
Jesus, restore us with Your grace
We will speak of all You've done so all who fear come and hear
Jesus, restore us in this place

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1 and chorus)

Through Your great love (2x)

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THE READING OF PSALM 1

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

*God So Loved

(chorus)

For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
And whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life

I shall hold to the cross
I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me
For His love has set me free

(repeat chorus)

I shall wait upon the Lord
I shall wait upon His word
And by His grace I am released
And by His grace I am redeemed

(repeat chorus)

By His precious blood, I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' name,
I surrender all, now to Christ alone, in Jesus I am saved (2x)

(repeat chorus)

They shall have eternal life

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*#350 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

(refrain)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

(repeat refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

(repeat refrain 2x)

TEXT: Louisa M.R. Stead MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick

***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.

***Prayer for Faith**

My heart is glad that You are my father
Adopted to You as sons and daughters
And Your love endures, like You said it would
My heart sings...

(chorus)

Teach me the sound of Your voice
With the faith to respond to love You
Teach me to follow You close
With the faith You bestow to love You

My heart is glad to serve You as King
Forgive the times that I am stubborn
With a humble heart, may I come to You
My heart sings...

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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.

10:45 AM: THE PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

(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 4:17-24

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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God
Author of all that is good
Faithful provider and giver of life
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Refuge of strength to the end
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God
Radiant, holy delight
Beautiful Father, victorious Son
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God
Shepherd who comes for the lost
Rock of salvation, remarkable love
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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