

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 13, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*#64 All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

**\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19**

LEADER: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**ALL: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

LEADER: But the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

**ALL: And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

LEADER: Your gates shall be open continually;  
day and night they shall not be shut,

**ALL: They shall call you the City of the Lord,  
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

LEADER: Violence shall no more be heard in your land,  
devastation or destruction within your borders;

**ALL: You shall call your walls Salvation,  
and your gates Praise.**

LEADER: The sun shall be no more your light by day,  
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light;

**ALL: but the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.**

**\*Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, You are not like a man  
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.  
Invisible, our human eyes can't see  
The depth of Your majesty

(chorus)

You're the God of forever and ever amen!  
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe  
Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not bound by death  
You're the living God, my very breath  
Invisible, You are not bound by space  
But Your glory is filling this place  
Yes, Your glory is filling this place  
(repeat chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me  
To pay my debt, to set me free  
Invisible, You will not always be  
Cause You're coming to reign as our King  
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

(repeat chorus 2x)

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:11-20

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**ALL:** Most holy God, most gracious Father,  
We know that we are to serve you in all we do;  
that no one can serve two masters.  
We confess that we have too often preferred the ways of this world to your ways,  
neglecting your word for the word of others;  
rejecting your praise for the praise of men.  
You have called us to serve one another in love and sincerity of heart.  
We confess that we have often served when convenient and to our advantage.  
Forgive us our sins, we pray,  
from Your great mercy through the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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

**LEADER:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

### \*His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

### **\*Awake, My Soul, to Sing**

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' mercy  
For neither death nor sin will conquer thee  
Christ did my ransom pay while I preferred my stains  
When Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' merit  
When God His judgment brings, hide me in Thee  
While robed in righteousness, I will not fear it  
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' blessing  
Whose love lays hold of me and bids me see  
He guides and guards my loves, and I am yielded  
Since Jesus died for me

Awake, my soul, to sing of Jesus' promise  
Whose Word and victory will changeless be  
For Christ's I am today and Christ's I will be  
Since Jesus died for me  
Since Jesus died for me  
Since Jesus died for me

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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.)

## \*#382 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull MUSIC: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen.Arr. ©1986 WORD MUSIC (a div. of WORD, INC.)ARR.ICS.UBP

## 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: Franklin Kurtis Wiard

## 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)

*(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

Ephesians 6:5-9

## 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

LEADER: My God, Father, and Savior, since you have commanded us to work in order to meet our needs, sanctify our labor that it may bring nourishment to our souls as well as to our bodies. Make us constantly aware that our efforts are worthless unless guided by your light and by your hand. Make us faithful to the particular tasks for which you have bestowed upon us the necessary gifts, taking from us any envy or jealousy at the vocations of others. Give us a good heart to supply the needs of the poor, saving us from any desire to exalt ourselves over those who receive our bounty. And if you should call us into greater poverty than we humanly desire, save us from any spirit of defiance or resentment, but rather let us graciously and humbly receive the bounty of others. Above all, may every temporal grace be matched by spiritual grace, that in both body and soul we may give you glory. (From the prayers of John Calvin)

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

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised, in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way;  
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

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\*Congregation will stand.