

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 27, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#26 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—  
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him—  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:  
His kingdom is forever.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46 MUSIC: Martin Luther

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**ALL: Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**ALL: the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**ALL: the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes.**

LEADER: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## \*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

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 (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Holy and merciful Lord,  
we confess that our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light.  
Rather than reflect your compassion,  
we turn away from those in need.  
Rather than reflect your worth,  
we ignore the spiritual complacency in our lives.  
Rather than reflect the rest that you give,  
we live in anxiety and fear.  
Rather than reflect the peace that you made,  
we fail to seek you in prayer.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin;  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory,  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth:  
Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes;  
behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."  
And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord;  
and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken. (Isaiah 62:11-12)

**\*#695 (Trinity) By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven**

By grace I am an heir of heaven:  
Why doubt this, O my trembling heart?  
If what the Scriptures promise clearly  
Is true and firm in ev'ry part,  
This also must be truth divine:  
By grace a crown of life is mine.

By grace alone shall I inherit  
That blissful home beyond the skies.  
Works count for naught, the Lord incarnate  
Has won for me the heav'nly prize.  
Salvation by His death He wrought,  
His grace alone my pardon bought.

By grace! These precious words remember  
When sorely by your sins oppressed,  
When Satan comes to vex your spirit,  
When troubled conscience sighs for rest;  
What reason cannot comprehend,  
God does to you by grace extend.

By grace! Be this in death my comfort;  
Despite my fears, 'tis well with me.  
I know my sin in all its greatness,  
But also Him who sets me free.  
My heart to naught but joy gives place  
Since I am saved by grace, by grace.

TEXT: Christian L. Scheidt, 1742, cento, tr. by H. Breuckner MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1657

**\*I Have a Peace**

I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow  
For there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow  
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me  
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me  
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future  
When all I fear is all that's true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me  
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me  
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness  
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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## **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM COLOSSIANS 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.)

## **\*How Can I Keep from Singing**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth:  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the tempest roars all help from God expecting  
Whose banner over us is love; until our souls' perfecting  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

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I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Words by Robert Lowry, 3<sup>rd</sup> verse adapted from Robert Lowry

## **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 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 6:10-20**

### 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 8:15 worship: Darby Ritter & Joe Harvey  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Dan Wethington & Larry Swinson

### THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

# 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.