

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 9, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*The Solid Rock**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
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TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

### **\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 104**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are very great!

**ALL: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works,**

LEADER: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**ALL: May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**ALL: Praise the Lord!**

## \*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar  
Our God still calms her shores  
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway  
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide  
Our God is still her guide  
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near  
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger  
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy  
God holds goodness for His people,  
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue  
Our God makes all things new  
No promise He gives can Satan undo  
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth  
Nor powers of hell nor sin  
Can separate the love of God [from us] (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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## THE READING OF PSALM 73:1-17

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**ALL:** Merciful Father, forgive my sins.

I confess that every sense, member, faculty, and affection of my being can be a snare to me.

I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below.

I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others.

The thoughts of my heart betray me.

When I think myself attractive I am filled with pride; when others look better, I am embarrassed.

When I do well, I desire applause.

When others have more, I lament what I do not have.

When in authority, I desire that others serve my intents.

When I must submit to others, I begrudge their position.

Whatever my situation, I lack contentment for I do not trust in You as I ought.

Enable me to know that Your grace is sufficient for me, that having Christ, I lack nothing. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE PSALM 73:25-26, 28

**LEADER:** Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**ALL:** But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord God my refuge,

that I may tell of all your works.

### **\*Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,  
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;  
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me, "Come."  
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.  
How could I now dishonor, the ones that You have loved?  
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—the path before the crown—  
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.  
How great the joy before us, to be His perfect bride;  
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives.

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### **\*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with His blood,(3x)  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood,(3x)  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood(3x)  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,(3x)  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

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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.)

## **\*Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (4x)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

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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 Prayer for Missions**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wyatt Cash DeWalt; Willow Harlan DeWalt

(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

John 21:15-25

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 worship: Michael Lemon & Caleb Stegall

# 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.