

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 14, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*#25 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious— Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest— to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest— the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish— but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render— O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn
melody from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 25:1, 6-9

LEADER: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure...On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

ALL: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

***What a Savior**

Atoning sacrifice, Keeper of this life
Hallelujah, You are Savior
Beginning and the end, Forgiver of my sin
By Your mercy You have saved us

(chorus)

Jesus, You are stronger, more than any other
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Jesus, You are higher, my soul's deepest desire
Hallelujah, You are Savior

You are the Shepherd King, You lead us by still waters
Hallelujah, You are Savior
You are my only hope, Your kindness is my friend
In Your presence You restore us

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me
When mountains stand in the path I see
I look to love that's unfailing
I look to grace that is all I need

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God
There's nothing that can stand against You
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,
Your word will calm every crashing wave
My hope, it lies in Your promise,
My faith, it stands on the empty grave

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus)

Strong through ev'ry trial, faithful through the night
Our God will never fail, our God will never fail
Anchor through the flood, You keep holding on
I know You'll never fail, Jesus You'll never fail

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE READING OF ROMANS 3:10-20

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge that we have no righteousness of our own. Apart from your sovereign mercy, we are those who do not understand and fail to seek after you. We confess that we turn aside to our own ways, loving that which is worthless and following after that which does not give life. Our hearts are selfish and greedy, our eyes full of lust, and our mouths filled with deceit. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, forgive us according to your steadfast love.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: ROMANS 3:21-25a

LEADER: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

*Upon a Life I Did Not Live

Upon a Life I have not lived, upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see, (there I see.)

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

***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 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.

(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

Psalm 15

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 PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM HEBREWS 10:19-25

ALL: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(chorus)

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(repeat chorus)

I am bound for the promised land.

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AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

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: Larry Swinson & Todd Koch

*Congregation will stand.