

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 5, 2020

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, stanzas 1,2,4; Godfrey Thring, stanza 3 MUSIC: George J. Elvey

### \*The Prayer of Invocation

### \*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!**

Leader: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

### **\*Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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### **The Prayers of Confession**

#### **God, Be Merciful to Me**

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;  
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;  
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;  
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

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

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;  
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God to Thee;  
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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### **The New Testament Reading**

#### **1 Corinthians 15:20-25**

## \*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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## \*You Crown the Year

(verse 1)

You crown the year with Your goodness  
You answer us with awesome deeds  
Your hope resounds, God our Savior  
To distant lands and farthest seas

You still the waves with Your presence  
You bless Your harvest with Your rain  
Your river filled with living water  
That flows to all as You ordain

(chorus)

Praise the name of the Lord  
O my soul sing His worth  
All of life join the song  
Come and lift up our King

Now let the earth join His praises  
Who dwells between the sea and sky?  
The dusk and dawn forever answer  
The call to worship God on high

(repeat chorus 2x)

(repeat vs. 1)

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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 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

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 SENDING

### \*The Benediction

### \*Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King, Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior  
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea, from death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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 8:15 worship: Warran Wiebe & Darby Ritter  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Kim Grubbs

\*Congregation will stand.