

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 12, 2020

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

THE GATHERING

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

TEXT: Edward Perronet; adapted by John Rippon; MUSIC: Oliver Holden

*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.**

***Salvation to the Lamb**

Poor sinner, come, cast off thy fear, and raise thy heavy head;
Come, sing with all poor sinners here, Jesus, who once was dead.

Saints, from the garden to the cross, Your conquering Lord pursue,
Who, dearly to redeem your loss, did bleed and die for you.

(chorus)

Salvation sing and mercy sound when joined at Jesus' name;
Let every thankful tongue respond, "Salvation to the Lamb."

Who reigns in vict'ry over death? The glorious great I AM!
Let every soul repeat with faith: "Salvation to the Lamb."

For here our sacrifice we meet: the Lamb who freely came;
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat, "Salvation to the Lamb."

(repeat chorus 2x)

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Words by Joseph Hart. Music by Ryan Mayo and Tyler Clements

The Reading of Acts 10:34-43

The Prayers of Confession

**All: God of all grace,
you have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we confess that we sometimes choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your grace.
Immersed in ourselves, we often gratify the flesh,
cower to the powers and principalities of this world.
Please forgive us,
and fill us with your Spirit,
that we might live as disciples of Jesus,
who is our Lord and our light forever. Amen.**

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

The Assurance of Forgiveness of Sin

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 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 1:5-9

***The Responsive Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Leader: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

**All: I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.**

Leader: He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

**All: He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.**

Leader: Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

**All: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

Leader: I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

**All: Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."**

***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.

***Cling to the Crucified**

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am
O Cling to the risen Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain
O cling to the Holy Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, Cling to His side
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide
O cling to the coming Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

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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 [5TH & 6TH GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture: Judges 17-18

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

The Message from Scripture

Bill Vogler

The Lord's Supper

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinner, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power

(chorus)

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
And in the arms of my dear Savior
There are ten thousand charms

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance, and every grace that brings you nigh

(repeat chorus)

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry, till you're better, you will never come at all

(repeat chorus 2x)

There are ten thousand charms

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How Deep

You were broken that I might be healed.
You were cast off that I might draw near.
You were thirsty that I might come drink,
Cried out in anguish that I might sing:

(chorus)

How deep is Your love,
How high and how wide is Your mercy.
How deep is Your grace,
Our hearts overflow with praise
To You.

You knew darkness that I might know light,
Wept great tears that mine might be dried.
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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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***The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

THE SENDING

***The Benediction**

***#625 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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: Caleb Stegall & Michael Lemon
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Todd Koch

*Congregation will stand.