

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 22, 2020

THE GATHERING

The Welcome

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 108:3-5

All: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

TEXT: William Williams; translated by Peter Williams and William Williams MUSIC: John Hughes

The Reading of Luke 15:1-10

The Prayers of Confession

All: Gracious and holy Father,
we confess that our hearts are consumed
with the fears and cares of this world.
The deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things
choke out Your Word and grieve Your Spirit in our lives.
Forgive us for being led astray
from a single-minded, pure, and undistracted devotion to You,
our faithful Father, our loving Savior and life-giving Spirit.
Pardon us for doubting your promises and questioning your goodness.
Send your Spirit to rekindle the fires of devotion in our hearts.
For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24)

All: Thanks be to God who forgives our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Stronger

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious
Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

*The Profession of Faith: Ephesians. 2:1-10

All: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*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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The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Since we are not meeting at the church-house, tithes and offerings can be made by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. You can also give directly from your bank to the church, or by credit or debit card. Please go to Grace EPC website at www.gepc.org, and click on the "Give" tab, and then "Give Now." From there, you'll be prompted to set up your first gift. After clicking "continue," it is an easy process to set up an account, and choose the amounts, funds and frequency you prefer. If you have any questions concerning online giving, please contact bob@gepc.org or (785) 843-2005.

THE WORD AND PRAYER

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

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

The Message from Scripture

The Prayers of the People

Bill Vogler

THE SENDING

*The Benediction

*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

*Congregation will stand.

Elders are available to pray and assist you at elders@gepc.org,
or contact Ryan Randolph (randolph@gepc.org) with any other needs you may have.

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