

MARCH 29, 2020

THE GATHERING

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Call to Worship: Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

**All: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

(chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

(repeat chorus)

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To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
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(repeat verse 1)

The Reading of Isaiah 40:27-31

The Prayers of Confession

All: Our Father in Heaven,
You are the maker of heaven and earth,
Yet we doubt your power and live in fear.
You are the God of steadfast love,
Yet we doubt your love and worry that you have abandoned us.
Your wisdom is perfect,
Yet we question what you ordain.
All your ways are good,
Yet we wonder if you care about us.
Forgive us for doubting your power, your love, your wisdom and your ways.
Cause us to apprehend the cross, that we may be forgiven our sins
and be filled with faith.
Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:7-11)

*His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*The Profession of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
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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, click on "Give," and follow the prompts 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

Mark 4:35-41

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.