

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 31, 2020

THE GATHERING

The Welcome

***The Prayer of Invocation**

***The Call to Worship: Psalm 67**

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**All: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

***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.

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The Reading of Acts 2:42-47

The Prayers of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our sins and offenses against your holy name,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and selfish desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults,
resting in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

(Adapted from The Book of Common Worship)

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
(Psalm 103:11-12)

*Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, interposed His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me, by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and power on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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*The Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Question #49

Leader: What benefit do you receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

All: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

*King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting, without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(repeat chorus)

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was built, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

(repeat chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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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

Acts 2:1-21

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

Chad Donohoe

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.