

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 6, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#560 For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church that evermore lifts its holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.  
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TEXT: F. Follitt S. Pierpoint, altered; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher; arranged by William H. Monk

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*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 READING OF PSALM 32

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All:** Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our thoughts, words and deeds. Depending on our own strength, we find ourselves weak. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we show ourselves deficient. Relying upon our own wisdom, we become foolish. Turning our faces from you, we find ourselves alone and afraid. Boasting in ourselves we show ourselves faithless. O Lord, forgive all of our many sins, cleanse the darkness from our lives, and to turn our hearts back to you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

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

**LEADER:** 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. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 1:8, 9; 2:1, 2

**ALL:** Thanks be to God for forgiving my sin.

### \*Grace and Peace

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least,  
You have said, that our judgment is death,  
For all eternity, without hope, without rest

(chorus)

Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery  
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me!  
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!  
The vilest sinner's heart, can be cleansed, can be free

(repeat chorus)

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?  
Let songs of gratefulness, ever rise, never cease,  
Loved by God, and called as a saint,  
My heart is satisfied, in the riches of Christ

(repeat chorus 2x)

## **\*THE RESPONSIVE READING: ROMANS 8:28-39**

LEADER: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**ALL: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

LEADER: And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**ALL: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?**

LEADER: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**ALL: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.**

LEADER: Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**ALL: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?**

LEADER: As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

**ALL: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **\*Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sovereign God, O matchless King  
The saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace  
To You belongs the highest praise

(chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

These sufferings, this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide  
And every enemy shall flee  
You are my hope and victory

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul  
Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart has welcomed home  
Now peace like water ever flows

(repeat chorus 2x)

The name above all other names

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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)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL  
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(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

2 Corinthians 11:30-12:10

### 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.

### Mercy

I will kneel in the dust  
at the foot of the cross,  
where mercy paid for me.  
Where the wrath I deserve,  
it is gone, it has passed.  
Your blood has hidden me.

(chorus)

Mercy, mercy, as endless as the sea.  
I'll sing Your hallelujah for all eternity.

We will lift up the cup  
and the bread we will break,  
remembering Your love.  
We were fallen from grace,  
but You took on our shame  
and nailed it to a cross.

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will kneel in the dust  
at the foot of the cross,  
where mercy paid for me.

## 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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## I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, Who waits for me at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.

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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: Kim Grubbs & Mike Bartlow  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

\*Congregation will stand.