

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 20, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#173 All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans; translated by John M. Neale MUSIC: Melchior Teschner

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 118 (selected verses)

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

LEADER: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

**ALL: This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

LEADER: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: Save us, we pray, O LORD!

LEADER: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

ALL: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

LEADER: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**ALL: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

*Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

(chorus)

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name."
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all, as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

(repeat chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." (2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. (2x)

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*THE GOSPEL READING: LUKE 19:28-40

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Jesus our King, who on this day in Jerusalem was greeted with praise but only days later treated with contempt: It grieves us to confess that we are often no different, for our faith can be more show than substance, more parade than pure, more habit than heart. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of sinners. Forgive our capricious and fickle discipleship. Cause our faith to be constant; our love to be steadfast; our obedience to be joyful. Enable us to walk in humility as those who are justified by faith in your holy name. Amen.

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

LEADER: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:5-11

ALL: Praise be to God who forgives our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***THE READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 50:4-10**

***Rising Sun**

Praise Him all you sinners, sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory - shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

(chorus)

Our great redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His name forever, speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah name above all, we lift Your name in praise
Hallelujah now and always, we lift Your name in praise (repeat)

Our great redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun

(repeat chorus)

Your name is higher than the rising sun

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***THE UNISON READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Hosanna

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

(chorus)

Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest

(repeat)

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the Highest

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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)

(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 13:11-14

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.

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race the saints' and angels' song.

(chorus)

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
He so loved this world, that He gave us His only Son,
Who yielded His life, atoned for our sin,
And opened wide the gate, so all may enter in.

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him all the glory; great things He has done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God

(repeat chorus)

But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. (4x)

(repeat chorus)

Fanny Crosby & William Doane; Arrangement: Brothers in Moab

10,000 Reasons

(chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I will worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(repeat chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will worship Your holy name.
I will worship Your holy name.

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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: Larry Swinson & Michael Boulton

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

*Congregation will stand.