

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 22, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

ALL: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

LEADER: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

ALL: and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

LEADER: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

ALL: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

LEADER: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

ALL: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

LEADER: let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,

ALL: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

***Oh How Good It Is**

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

(chorus)

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(repeat chorus)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***THE READING OF EPHESIANS 4:1-7**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

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. 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 103:8-12

ALL: Jesus is my only hope. Amen.

***You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me
When mountains stand in the path I see
I look to love that's unfailing
I look to grace that is all I need

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God
There's nothing that can stand against You
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,
Your word will calm every crashing wave
My hope, it lies in Your promise,
My faith, it stands on the empty grave

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus)

Strong through ev'ry trial, faithful through the night
Our God will never fail, our God will never fail
Anchor through the flood, You keep holding on
I know You'll never fail, Jesus You'll never fail

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our God, You never fail
Our God, You never fail

***THE READING OF 1 PETER 2:1-10**

***Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

***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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45am Miles John Buttimer

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.)

(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 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.

THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 3

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 8:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Mike Bartlow
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah to My King

O, how strong the power of Jesus' name
It is stronger than any other name
How sweet the victory that bore my shame
Took the burden of my sin away

(chorus)

Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him
Hallelujah, what a Savior, hallelujah to my King

O, how great the kindness our God has shown
We were strangers, now we're called His own
His grace has welcomed the sinner home
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

(repeat chorus)

O, what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings
Through the trials, He will carry me
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hallelujah to my King

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