

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 29, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother— all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony; adapted by Edward Hodges

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.

**All: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

Leader: God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
He is greatly exalted.

*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God
Author of all that is good
Faithful provider and giver of life
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
Refuge of strength to the end
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God
Radiant, holy delight
Beautiful Father, victorious Son
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God
Shepherd who comes for the lost
Rock of salvation, remarkable love
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal and Immortal God, all that you have made unmistakably shows us that you are powerful and divine, and worthy of our worship. Nevertheless, even though you have revealed yourself to us, we have immorally suppressed what we know to be true. We have not honored you as God, nor given thanks to you. We have become futile in our thinking, and our hearts have become dark. Claiming to be wise, we have been fools, and we have exchanged your glory for cheap copies. We have traded your truth for a lie, and we have sought in your creation what can only be found in you yourself. Forgive us for failing to give you glory and rescue us from our idolatrous hearts. Grant us faith to seek in your Son the satisfaction of our souls, and reveal your power in our salvation.

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

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Psalm 103

***Your Great Name**

Lost are saved, find their Way
At the sound of Your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name.

(chorus)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name.

The Fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name.
The sick are healed and the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name.

(repeat chorus)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King. (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Your great name

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***O Praise the Name**

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting, the angels roar for Christ the King

(repeat chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(repeat chorus)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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*THE READING FROM ISAIAH 35

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

(chorus)

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(repeat chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #26

Leader: What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

All: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I trust him so much that I do not doubt that he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God, he desired to do this because he is a faithful Father.

*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 PRAYER FOR MISSIONS (10:45am)

(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

John 9

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Rick Pratte

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: Todd Koch & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*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 2x)

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

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*Congregation will stand.