

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 5, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

(chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

(repeat chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
You shine in the light

(repeat verse 1)

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-8**

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**ALL: I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

LEADER: Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**ALL: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

LEADER: The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**ALL: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

***Raised To Life**

Precious compassion that pours
From the wounds that have won our salvation
Sin was strong but the Savior is stronger
Come let us worship Him (repeat)

Great was the debt that we owed
And how high was the price of our healing
Paid in full by the One who is worthy
Come let us worship Him

(chorus)
Raised to life with Christ the Savior
In His name a new creation
Now our song will rise
Adoring Christ the Lord

Death overcome by the Word
That was spoken before it was finished
Jesus saves is our song everlasting
Come let us worship Him

(repeat chorus)

Sin was strong but, Jesus is stronger
Our shame was great but, Jesus you're greater (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

***THE READING OF MATTHEW 4:1-11**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Most merciful God, whose son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have not always walked in your way, nor sought what is good. We have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your way and delight in doing your will. In mercy renew us and bring us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:1-6

ALL: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Psalm 32:11

***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

***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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My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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***The Love of God**

(chorus)

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

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.

(repeat chorus)

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.

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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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45am: Ruby Mae Greene, Samuel Avery Greene, Ezra Campbell Greene

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

James 1:9-12

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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.

Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache, I have come
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

(chorus)

Rock of Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es.
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of Ages your will be done

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

(repeat chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.
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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me, thine all in all."

(chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain-
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

(repeat chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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Stronger

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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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

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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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Michael Boulton

*Congregation will stand.