

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 26, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#59 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, are present there.

His hand is my perpetual guard; He keeps me in His eye
How should I then forget the Lord, who is forever nigh?
O glorious is Thy Cov'nant grace, revealed in Christ, Thy son
In whom we see the Father's face and worship at His throne!

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered MUSIC: From Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wurttemberg, 1784

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 66:1-3

LEADER: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

**ALL: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

LEADER: All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

*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)

(repeat chorus)

Your name is higher than the rising sun

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*THE RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 19:7-11

LEADER: The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**ALL: the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;**

LEADER: the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**ALL: the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

LEADER: the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

**ALL: the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.**

LEADER: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**ALL: sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

LEADER: Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, you have called us to be doers of your word and not hearers only. Yet, we have too often failed at both, having neglected to listen to you and having failed to act as you have commanded. Forgive us, even as these sins come to mind. Grant us grace that we may turn from our sins and be quick to listen and obey.

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

LEADER: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* THE GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 7: 24-27

*Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady MUSIC: Richard Redhead

***Take My Life**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.

(chorus)

Here am I,

Echo: Here am I,

All of me,

Echo: All of me,

Take my life

Echo: Take my life

It's all for Thee.

Echo: It's all for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

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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: Ada Jane Clark

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 1:22-25

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.

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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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heavens praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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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.