

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 7, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#262 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 145

LEADER: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**ALL: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

LEADER: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**ALL: The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

LEADER: The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**ALL: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

LEADER: The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar
Our God still calms her shores
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide
Our God is still her guide
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy
God holds goodness for His people,
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue
Our God makes all things new
No promise He gives can Satan undo
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth
Nor powers of hell nor sin
Can separate the love of God [from us] (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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*THE READING OF MATTHEW 18:21-35

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

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

LEADER: Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and uphold us with a willing spirit.

ALL: O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

***Crowns**

There is a hill I cherish, where stood a precious tree
The emblem of salvation, the gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit, while He is crucified
Yet as His life was taken, so I was granted mine

(chorus)

My wealth is in the cross; There's nothing more I want
Than just to know His love; My heart is set on Christ
And I will count all else as loss
The greatest of my crowns means nothing to me now
For I counted up the cost and all my wealth is in the cross

I will not boast in riches, I have no pride in gold
But I will boast in Jesus, and in His Name alone

(repeat chorus)

And when I stand in glory, my crowns before the Lord
Let this be my confession, my wealth is in the cross

(repeat chorus)

For I counted up the cost and all my wealth is in the cross

Words and Music by Michael Fatkin, Scott Groom, and Ben Hastings.CCLI#245668

***For All the Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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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 PRAYER FOR MISSIONS: 10:45am

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 2:1-13

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.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When the seas are smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
When the darkening heavens frown, and the wrathful winds come down,
Still I know my need of Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Still I know my need of Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, You can hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Your will, when You say to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
Between me and peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

My Name is on His Heart

Praise the Lord, my burden's laid aside
Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine
And if I should stumble in the dark
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come
Praise the Lord, He left to look for one
Even if my soul should wander far
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul
Find rest in Him the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation,
My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here
Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there
And with Him I dwell and never part
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

Redemption Church

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(chorus)

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(repeat chorus)

I am bound for the promised land.

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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: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs

*Congregation will stand.