

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 14, 2017

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#52 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90 MUSIC: William Croft

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 105

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**ALL: Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

LEADER: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

**ALL: He is the Lord our God.**

### **\*Salvation to the Lamb**

Poor sinner, come, cast off thy fear, and raise thy heavy head;  
Come, sing with all poor sinners here, Jesus, who once was dead.  
Saints, from the garden to the cross, Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss, did bleed and die for you.

(chorus)

Salvation sing and mercy sound when joined at Jesus' name;  
Let every thankful tongue respond, "Salvation to the Lamb."

Who reigns in vict'ry over death? The glorious great I AM!  
Let every soul repeat with faith: "Salvation to the Lamb."

For here our sacrifice we meet: the Lamb who freely came;  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat, "Salvation to the Lamb."

(repeat chorus 2x)

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Words by Joseph Hart. Music by Ryan Mayo and Tyler Clements

### **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: GOOD WORKS**

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16

**ALL: Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments,  
are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith.  
By them believers show their thankfulness,  
strengthen their assurance of salvation,  
edify their brothers in the Lord,  
and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel.  
They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship  
and creation of Jesus Christ,  
because their aim is that holiness which leads to eternal life.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: Merciful Father,  
Though I profess faith in Jesus,  
I often fail to show it by my works.  
Though I profess to love your word,  
I often fail to obey it.  
Though I profess to be filled with your Spirit,  
I often fail to display His fruit in my life.  
Have mercy upon me, and forgive my sins.  
Work in me that my faith may be seen in my works,  
that I may be assured of my salvation,  
and you may be glorified through my life.**

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

**LEADER:** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21)

**ALL: Thanks be to Christ who is my righteousness.**

### **\*Hallelujah! What a Savior**

Man of sorrows, what a name for the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim Hallelujah! What a Savior

Stand unclean, no one else could in my place condemned He stood  
Now His nearness is my good Hallelujah! What a Savior

(chorus)

Hallelujah! Praise to the One  
Whose blood has pardoned me  
What a Savior! Redeemer and King  
Your love has rescued me

Lifted up was He to die "It is finished!" was His cry  
Now in Heaven lifted high Hallelujah! What a Savior

When He comes, our Glorious King all His ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah! What a Savior  
Hallelujah! What a Savior

(repeat chorus 2x)

Your love has rescued me

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### **\*THE READING FROM EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

#### **\*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day,  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

TEXT: George Matheson MUSIC: Chris Miner

## **\*All to Us**

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, You are faithful to the end  
We are waiting, on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us

(chorus)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives  
We believe You're all to us

Only Son of God sent from heaven. Hope and mercy at the cross  
You are everything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us

(repeat chorus 2x)

When this passing world is over. We will see You face to face  
And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us

Jesus, You are all to us

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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.

(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

James 2:14-26

## 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 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: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Warran Wiebe

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song,  
Highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King,  
Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior  
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue,  
In darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea,  
From death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow,  
Hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King,  
You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.