

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 21, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*O For a Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100

*You Alone Can Rescue

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea, Your grace is deeper still

(repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way, the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus 2x)

To You alone belongs the highest praise

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***THE READING OF LUKE 7:43-49**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious Father, whose words give life:
We confess that our words have often led us into sin.
With the same mouth we have sung songs of praise and uttered profanities;
encouraged some and slandered others;
spoken truth and lied;
built people up and torn them down.
We have failed to thank those who have blessed us;
speak grace to those who are discouraged;
hold our tongue when angry;
provide words that edify for the need of the moment.
Thank you Jesus for never speaking an idle word,
for always speaking the truth in love.
On the basis of your death,
forgive us for the careless, unhelpful and hurtful words we have spoken.
Enable us to control what we say that we may always speak the truth in love.

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

LEADER: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

***God, Be Merciful to Me**

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God to Thee;
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

***THE RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 19**

LEADER: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**ALL: Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

LEADER: There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**ALL: Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

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.

**ALL: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!**

LEADER: Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

***#390 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior**

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only thru His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing—this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say,
All I do and say.

TEXT: Kate B. Wilkinson MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould

***One Pure and Holy Passion**

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life,
To know and follow hard after You

(chorus)

To know and follow hard after You
To grow as Your disciple in the truth,
This world is empty, pale, and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You,
Lead me on and I will run after You

(repeat all)

(repeat chorus)

Lead me on and I will run after You

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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 3:1-12

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 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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

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.

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

*Congregation will stand.