

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 28, 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!

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 Herzog, Wurttemberg, 1784

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 117 & 118

All: (chorus)

**Praise the LORD, all you nations
Extol Him all you people, for great is His love for us.
Praise the LORD, He is faithful
His love endures forever, and great is His love for us.**

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

All: (repeat chorus)

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
Glad sons of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

All: (repeat chorus)

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

All: (repeat chorus 2x)

***Come Thou Fount**

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my *Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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*"an altar to remind of God's faithfulness in 1 Samuel 7"
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***THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-14**

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
we have followed too much the deceits and desires of our
own hearts.**

**we have offended against your holy laws.
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**

to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

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

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ALL: He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

***Grace and Peace**

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least,
You have said, that our judgment is death,
For all eternity, without hope, without rest

(chorus)

Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?
The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me!
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!
The vilest sinner's heart, can be cleansed, can be free

(repeat chorus)

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
Let songs of gratefulness, ever rise, never cease,
Loved by God, and called as a saint,
My heart is satisfied, in the riches of Christ

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***THE GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 11:25-30**

***God With Us**

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(chorus)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us
You are God with us

You've come to be hope, to this world, for Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are here, you are holy, we are here to give you glory (Lord) (4x)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are God with us, You are God with us

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***Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right**

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

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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.

10:45am: PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

(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 3:13-18

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: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

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All other ground is sinking sand.

TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

*Congregation will stand.