

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 25, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*#173 All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans; translated by John M. Neale MUSIC: Melchior Teschner

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9.9; Psalm 118.26, 1; Matthew 21.9

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

ALL: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

*Hosanna

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

(chorus)

Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest

(repeat)

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the Highest

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THE READING OF PSALM 118:1, 14-29

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Jesus our King, who on this day in Jerusalem was greeted with praise but only days later treated with contempt: It grieves us to confess that we are often no different, for our faith can be more show than substance, more parade than pure, more habit than heart. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of sinners. Forgive our faint and fickle discipleship. Cause our faith to be constant; our love to be steadfast; our obedience to be joyful. Enable us to walk in humility as those who are justified by faith in your holy name. Amen.

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

LEADER: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***THE RESPONSIVE READING: John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18**

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

ALL: All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

LEADER: In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ALL: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

LEADER: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

ALL: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LEADER: And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

***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)

*The Love of God

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race the saints' and angels' song.

(chorus)

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

(repeat chorus)

WORDS: Frederick M. Lehman, 1917; v.3 by Meier Ben Isaac Nehoria, 1050; v.3. Tr. MUSIC: F.M. Lehman, 1917; arr. By Claudia L. Mays

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

10:45 am: Ella Rayne Dorton; Emma Rae Keck

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)

(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

Luke 19:28-48

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

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."

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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue;
Oh, while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me; show Thy face, and all is bright.

Go then earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;
In Thy service pain is pleasure, with Thy favor loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee;
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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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.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

*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: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington

*Congregation will stand.