

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 13, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*#8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.

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TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 47

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**ALL: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

LEADER: He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**ALL: He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**ALL: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

**ALL: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

*How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11

ALL: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life,
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess the times when we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives;**

**When we have gone our own way or along with the ways of the world,
and failed to give him glory;**

Forgive us.

**Enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to live as your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.**

(Adapted from The Book of Common Worship)

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.

*How Deep

You were broken that I might be healed.
You were cast off that I might draw near.
You were thirsty that I might come drink,
Cried out in anguish that I might sing:

(chorus)

How deep is Your love,
How high and how wide is Your mercy.
How deep is Your grace,
Our hearts overflow with praise
To You.

You knew darkness that I might know light,
Wept great tears that mine might be dried.
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*THE READING OF PSALM 81

*I Have a Peace

I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow
For there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future
When all I fear is all that's true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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***Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sovereign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace, to You belongs the highest praise.

(chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace, the Name above all other names.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee, You are my hope and victory.

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows.

(repeat chorus 2x)

The name above all other names.

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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.

10:45 AM PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45 am: Raeleigh Joelle Heck, Vaughn Steven Heck

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE 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

Ephesians 3:14-21

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 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

*Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(chorus)

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

(repeat chorus)

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

(repeat chorus)

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me

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*Congregation will stand.