

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 27, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*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 PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

**ALL: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Endless Light

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior

From the wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

(chorus)

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise
Hope of every heart let Your name be lifted higher
All our hearts all our hearts sing Your praise

God be exalted God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory live for Your glory (2x)

(repeat chorus)

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THE READING OF COLOSSIANS 3:1-17

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of all grace: You have called us to love one another as you have loved us, yet too often we have failed. We know of times when we have failed to love others as You have loved us; times when we have been angry with one another; when we have failed to be compassionate, kind, and patient; when we have not persevered with one another; not thought the best of one another; not guarded our neighbor's good name; not forgiven as You have forgiven us. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for our sins. For the sake of Your Son, forgive all that is past, and grant that from this time onwards we may serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*God So Loved

(chorus)
For God so loved the world
That He gave His only Son
And whosoever believes will not perish
They shall have eternal life

(repeat chorus)

I shall hold to the cross
I shall hold to God alone
For His love has salvaged me
For His love has set me free

(repeat chorus)

I shall wait upon the Lord
I shall wait upon His word
And by His grace I am released
And by His grace I am redeemed

(repeat chorus)

By His precious blood, I have been set free
For the glory of Jesus' name,
I surrender all, now to Christ alone, in Jesus I am saved (2x)

(repeat chorus)

They shall have eternal life

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)**

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.

***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.
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Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

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

(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 4:1-16

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: Kim Grubbs & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

(chorus)

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(repeat chorus)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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