

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 3, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#25 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious— Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest— to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest— the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish— but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render— O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn  
melody from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 34

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**ALL: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

LEADER: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**ALL: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

LEADER: The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**ALL: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

## \*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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## THE READING OF LUKE 7:36-50

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

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

**LEADER:** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

**ALL: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

**LEADER:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**ALL: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

### **\*#415 (Trinity) Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among Your seed, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin: I have Your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, me You've taken for-e'er to be Your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, me You've given Your righteous, holy life to share;  
O Holy Spirit, You will be a comfort, guide, and help to me.

And I have vowed to fear and love You, and to obey You, Lord, alone;  
Because the Holy Spirit moved me, I dared to pledge myself Your own,  
Renouncing sin to keep the faith and war with evil unto death.

My faithful God, Your Word fails never, Your covenant surely will abide;  
Oh, cast me not away forever, should I transgress it on my side!  
Though I have oft my soul defiled, in love forgive, restore Your child.

Johann J. Rambach, 1723; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

### **\*Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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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.

## 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 [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

Ephesians 6:23-24

### 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.

### Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; at His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glorious in faithfulness.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Widely still His mercy flows.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

## #177 What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn MUSIC: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

## Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with His blood,(3x)  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood,(3x)  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:  
He Who washed us with His blood(3x)  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood(3x)  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,(3x)  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God!"

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

\*Congregation will stand.