

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 17, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

***#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother— all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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TEXT: Henry van Dyke MUSIC: Ludwig von Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony; adapted by Edward Hodges

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 27**

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

**ALL: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.**

LEADER: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

**ALL: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

LEADER: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

**ALL: You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,**

"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

LEADER: Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path

**ALL: Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

***Rising Sun**

Praise Him all you sinners, sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory - shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

(chorus)

Our great redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His name forever, speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah name above all, we lift Your name in praise
Hallelujah now and always, we lift Your name in praise (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

Your name is higher than the rising sun

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: All: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

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

THE ASSURANCE

LEADER: Hear the word of God:
For I will be forgive their iniquities, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31.34)
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

*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)

*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar
Our God still calms her shores
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide
Our God is still her guide
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy
God holds goodness for His people,
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue
Our God makes all things new
No promise He gives can Satan undo
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth
Nor powers of hell nor sin
Can separate the love of God [from us] (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: (Adapted from Colossians 1:15-23)

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And we, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present us holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed we continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that we heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

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 [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

Psalm 119:9-16

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 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."
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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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Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their Way
At the sound of Your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name.

(chorus)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name.

The Fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name.
The sick are healed and the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name.

(repeat chorus)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King. (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Your great name

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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: Joe Harvey & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

*Congregation will stand.