

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 5, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*#97 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

TEXT: Edward Perronet; adapted by John Rippon; MUSIC: Oliver Holden

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: 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. 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.

LEADER: 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.

ALL: 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.

LEADER: 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. 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.

ALL: No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

*Christ Be All Around Me

As I rise, strength of God, go before, lift me up
As I wake, eyes of God, look upon, be my sight
As I wait, heart of God, satisfy and sustain
As I hear, voice of God, lead me on, be my guide, be my guide

(chorus)

Above and below me, before and behind me
In every eye that sees me, Christ be all around me (repeat)

As I go, hand of God, my defense, by my side
And as I rest, breath of God, fall upon, bring me peace...bring me peace

(repeat chorus)

Your life, Your death, Your blood was shed
For every moment, every moment (repeat 4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - 1 Timothy 1:15a

ALL: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him as he deserves or acknowledged his rule in our lives as we ought. Rather, too often we have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103: 8-12

***His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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.

*Hymn

This heart has been changed by the King of kings
He's revealed to me glory unknown
And in reply to His love my heart sings
The place where the song first was grown

In day of darkness and trouble and fear
No thing or love satisfied
But with capturing grace, a voice in my ear
Told me "come, be My son, you are Mine"

(chorus)

Halle -- lu ----- jah

Halle -- lu ----- jah

(repeat)

Now moving through life is a toilsome task
But with every passing day
His light is my strength and He helps when I ask
To take all of my burdens away

(repeat chorus)

He gives me such joy, such blessing in life
What a God, to so freely give
And so I rejoice when I feebly try
To fathom the life I shall live

(repeat chorus 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)

(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD AND PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

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.

The Passion

The passion of our Savior, the mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question, of the measure of His love (repeat)

(chorus)

Our chains are gone, our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death, and life for me

The innocent judged guilty, while the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion, and our portion liberty

(repeat chorus)

I give my whole life, to honor this love
By the Lamb who was slain, I'm forgiven
The sinner's Savior, crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain, He is risen (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Means death to death, and life for me

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Have Mercy on Me

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy

(repeat)

O, help my unbelief
O, help my unbelief
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy
Have mercy, have mercy

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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 2x)

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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: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

*Congregation will stand.