THE WORSHIP OF GOD May 19, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace alone from the first to the last Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 9:1-2

*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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*Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name

(chorus)

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other Your Name, let the nations sing it louder Because nothing has the power to save But Your Name

Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name

(repeat chorus)

(Your Name) is a strong and mighty tower Your Name is a shelter like no other Your Name, let the nations sing it louder Because nothing has the power to save Because nothing has the power to save But Your Name

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*THE SCRIPTURE READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: Psalm 51:1-12

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, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
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.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
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.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: 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. Ephesians 2:4-5

*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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*All to Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, You are faithful to the end We are waiting, on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us

(repeat)

(chorus)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives We believe You're all to us

Only Son of God sent from heaven. Hope and mercy at the cross You are everything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us

(repeat chorus 2x)

When this passing world is over. We will see You face to face And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us

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

ALL: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by 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 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

2 Peter 1:1-15

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

Ryan Randolph

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 8:15 worship: Todd Koch & Caleb Stegall Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask

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.