

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 1, 2020

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*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 Responsive Call to Worship**

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.**

## \*Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

(chorus)

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all, as it should be."  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

(repeat chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." (2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. (2x)

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## The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-9

### The Prayers of Confession

**All: Merciful God, we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name.**

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

### The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**All: I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### **\*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.

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### **\*God is Able**

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave  
Raised to life, our God is able  
In His name we overcome  
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way  
Far above all we know, far above all we hope  
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

(bridge)

God is with us, He will go before,  
He will never leave us, He will never leave us  
God is for us, He has open arms,  
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able  
For the Lord our God is able

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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.

**10:45 am: Prayer for Mexico Missions**

## 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: Luke 5:1-11

**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.

**Rock of Ages**  
**(When the Day Seems Long)**

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near  
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

(chorus)

Rock of Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es.  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of Ages your will be done

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.  
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

(repeat chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.  
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

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## Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (2x)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

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## Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness  
You never change, You never fail, O God

True are Your promises, true are Your promises  
You never change, You never fail, O God

(chorus)

So we raise up holy hands  
To praise the Holy one  
Who was and is and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace  
You never change, You never fail, O God (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

You were, You are, You will always be (4x)

(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: Michael Boulton & Caleb Stegall  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Dan Wethington

\*Congregation will stand.