

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 8, 2020

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

THE GATHERING

*O For a Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name
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TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7a

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**ALL: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**ALL: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, interposed His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shall be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

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Words: William Rees (1802-1883) Original tune by Robert Lowry (c. 1895) CCLI#245668

*The Reading of Luke 15:11-24

The Prayers of Confession

All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
we have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts.
we have offended against your holy laws.
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

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.

***The Profession of Faith** (Heidelberg Catechism #1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto 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

(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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***I Have a Peace**

I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow
For there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future
When all I fear is all that's true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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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 [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: Luke 7:36-49

**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.

I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

I will trust my savior Jesus, when my darkest doubts befall
Trust him when to simply trust him, seems the hardest thing of all

I can trust my savior Jesus, trust him when my strength is small
For I know the shield of Jesus, is the safest place of all.

(chorus)

Jesus, only Jesus, help me trust you more and more
Jesus, only Jesus, may my heart be ever yours

I will trust my savior Jesus, he has said his way is best,
For I know the path he's chosen, leads to everlasting rest

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh on the cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the one who died for me
What could I bring for your gift is complete
So I trust you, simply trust you, Lord, with every part of me (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

TEXT: William R. Featherston MUSIC: Adoniram J. Gordon

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(chorus)

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Words: John Wilbur Chapman. Music: Rowland Prichard.

*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

*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 Lemon, Darby Ritter & Clay Phillips

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs, Scott Rask & Mike Wuthrich

*Congregation will stand.