

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 15, 2020

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

THE GATHERING

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

***The Prayer of Invocation**

***The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 46**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**All: Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

***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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We live for Your glory live for Your glory

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***The Reading of Matthew 6:25-34**

The Prayers of Confession

**All: Merciful Father, who gave your son for us:
Forgive us our sins.**

We confess that we often fret rather than trust;

Delight in the gifts you give us rather than in you;

Rely upon our own righteousness rather than relish in Christ's;

Live restless out of fear rather than resting in faith.

We praise you for the salvation that is through Christ.

Cause us to shake off our fear, trust in Him, and live in abundant peace.

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

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

***The Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

***Lord, I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

(chorus)

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(repeat chorus)

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

(repeat chorus 2x)

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

***Crowns**

There is a hill I cherish, where stood a precious tree
The emblem of salvation, the gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit, while He is crucified
Yet as His life was taken, so I was granted mine

(chorus)

My wealth is in the cross; There's nothing more I want
Than just to know His love; My heart is set on Christ
And I will count all else as loss
The greatest of my crowns means nothing to me now
For I counted up the cost and all my wealth is in the cross

I will not boast in riches, I have no pride in gold
But I will boast in Jesus, and in His Name alone

(repeat chorus)

And when I stand in glory, my crowns before the Lord
Let this be my confession, my wealth is in the cross

(repeat chorus)

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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: Mark 10:17-31

**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.

Come to Me

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

Listen to His message, words of life, forever blest.
Oh, thou heavy-laden, come to me, come and rest

(chorus)

There is freedom, taste and see.
Hear the call, come to me.
Run into His arms of grace.
Your burden carried, He will take

Bring Him all thy burdens, all thy guilt and sin.
Mercy's door is open, rise up and enter in

(repeat chorus)

Jesus, there is waiting patiently for thee.
Hear Him gently calling, come, oh, come to me.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

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O Great God

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

(chorus)

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

(repeat chorus)

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You (4x)

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You

(repeat chorus)

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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

*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: Jason Lichte, Darby Ritter & Phil Oberzan
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch, Kim Grubbs & Mike Wuthrich

*Congregation will stand.

March 15-22, 2020

Grace Calendar of Activities and Events

(Asterisk "*" Indicates Oread Center/College Ministry)

All activities or events located at the church-house unless otherwise noted; details are in the Life of Grace or on our website: www.gepc.org

<i>The Order of Worship is posted each Friday at www.gepc.org/resources</i>	
Today:	8:15 am & 10:45am Worship
Monday:	6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Signs of Life, 722 Massachusetts St.)
Tuesday:	7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Wilson's, 316 Parker Circle)
Wednesday:	No activities schedule
Thursday:	6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Zeb's, 724 Main St., Eudora)
Friday:	6:30 am (McGrew, 1501 Kasold Dr.)
Saturday:	No activities schedule
Sunday:	8:15 am & 10:45am Worship 9:00 am College Sunday School* 9:45 am Sunday School 3:30 pm YoG Small Groups

WELCOME

March 15, 2020

A special welcome for those who are visiting with us today for the first time or those who are relatively new to Grace. We want to get to know you better, so please take a moment and stop by the **Welcome Desk** in the Narthex and say "hi" to the folks there as they will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our church.

Church-house activities meeting in the facility March 15-21 have been postponed

Grace Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, March 28 8:30 am to Noon

Spring is coming! This year, we are planning INDOOR and OUTDOOR projects for all to worship and work together. WE will dig and plant, trim and have light duty landscaping projects as well as cleaning, painting and organizing projects. Many hands make light work! This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. If you have a skill, God can use it. Bring basic yard tools, gloves, your favorite paint brush or just show up. Questions can be directed to Ray at (785)691-5050 or ray@gepc.org.

Dinner Theater

Saturday, Apr 4th – 6:30pm (childcare provided!)

This annual event hosted by the Youth of Grace helps to raise funds for their summer mission trips. Ticket price is a suggested donation for what you would typically pay for a night out on the town. Come and enjoy great company, delicious food, and see the youth perform a show that is sure to entertain. Childcare is provided from nursery-5th grade. If you can't make the dinner, there is an "Ice Cream Sundae Matinee" performance on Sunday, April 5th at 3:30pm and is an all ages, non-ticketed show. **Get your tickets for Dinner Theater today!**

GRACE

Evangelical Presbyterian Church



VBS News

Save the date, June 1-5, 2020 -

Registration will open on April 19th.

VBS is an excellent opportunity for our whole church to be involved. We need over 150 volunteers each year, so we can guarantee there's a spot just for you. Make trail mix for 400 kids with your friends. Tell a Bible story in a wacky costume. Discuss God's truths with a small group of kiddos. Feed the teachers. Chase toddlers. Pray earnestly. Whoever you are, whatever gifts you have, we have a place for you to serve. Where's yours? Contact Lindsay Clements at vbs@gepc.org and she'll help you find the right spot.

Pray for Missions this Week

2 Corinthians 4:3-10

Brad & Amy Supple, Abigail, Ruthie—GAIN/Cru—Leadership of teams taking the Gospel and tangible gifts/acts of Christ's love to hurting and unreached regions

Where is God calling you to GO?!

Our church body wants & needs to be part of it with you!

*Short term mission support applications online with the GEPC Mission Team (gepc.org—Ministries—Missions)—or inquire with missions@gepc.org

Applications due 4/18; Interviews to follow on 4/19, 4/26, or 5/3

Insight Women's Center

Insight Women's Center will be holding its sixth Annual Fundraising Banquet, Rescue, on Thursday, April 2, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Burge Union. The guest speaker will be Melissa Ohden, author of You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memior. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 19 to 785-842-6499.

Missions

Summer Missions

If you are planning on going on a short term mission trip this Summer. The mission team will be doing interview for support. First fill out an application online (gepc.org/missions), then sign up for an interview. **Saturday, April 18 is the deadline for applications.** Please contact the mission team (missions@gepc.org) for more information.

Twenties in Grace

Twenties in Grace (TwIG) is a life group for 20-somethings who are single or married without children. They have been meeting at the OC. Beginning Friday, March 6, this group will join with the Voglers Life Group of people in similar life stages. They meet every Friday night at Bill and Karen's (1314 Stonecreek Dr.) at 7:00 pm. Questions? Contact Karen at kpvogler@gmail.com.

Basic Information

Office Hours

9am-5pm, Monday—Friday

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Administration

Online Directory

The directory is password protected and accessible only to those who are Grace attendees.

- You are able to edit your profile controlling the information you would like to make available.
- A free mobile app is available.

What you need you to do next—email betty@gepc.org with the following:

- A recent photo of your family to betty@gepc.org. Family photos can be as casual as a family selfie (please don't wear sunglasses in the photos).
- The preferred email(s) for the adults in your family.
- A request for directions to accessing and setting up your personal log-in.

If you have questions about the process, or prefer not to be in the directory (everyone on our active attendance roster will be in the directory unless we are notified) please contact Betty Adema (betty@gepc.org or 785-843-2005) and let her know.

Email Updates

All Church: If you would like to receive the all-church email announcements and prayer updates, send an email to Betty at the church office (betty@gepc.org) and we will be happy to add you to the list.

Youth of Grace: Hey YoG Parents - if you aren't getting email updates from the YoG office, check with Tyler (tyler@gepc.org).

Grace Women: get connected and stay current on what's going on for the Women of Grace via our Women's ministry email updates. To sign up, visit our website www.gepc.org/ministries/women/Newsletter. You'll get mail!

Financial Updates

For an update on Grace EPC financial information, you can visit the Grace website (www.gepc.org), click "Resources" then Financial Update." Contact Bob Woods (bob@gepc.org, 843-2005 ext. 7003) if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Bibles, books, and journals are located in the kiosk between the gym doors in the southwest lobby. Dishes and clothing are located by the kitchen on the coat rack & shelves, and in the green plastic bin. Small items, jewelry and items of value are taken to the church office. Please check these locations for any items you are missing and take home what belongs to you. We encourage you to write your name in your Bible, journal or books so they can be easily identified. Please note: lost and found items are periodically donated to charity.

Oread Center/College

Check out what's happening at the OC this semester:

- **Tuesday Lunch**, @ 12:00 pm: Gather for lunch and fellowship at the OC every Tuesday.
- **Tuesday Night Gathering**, @ 8:00 pm: This semester, men and women will be splitting into two teaching times led by Chad Donohoe and Kelly Clark.
- **Table Talk**, select Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm: Join us around the table for a meal and discussion. Topics will vary through the semester, but the dates are as follows: Mar 25, Apr 15 & 29.
- **Sunday School**, Sundays @ 9:30 am: This semester we will be looking at the themes of the New Testament in light of the Old Testament. A hot breakfast is provided. We meet in Room 3. **There will be no SS on Mar 15.**
- **Spring Retreat:** Save the date! Spring Retreat is taking place on April 17-18. More details coming soon.

For more information about Oread Center events and programming, please visit our website, www.oreadcenter.com, or contact our administrator, Morgan Hicks (morgan@oreadcenter.com).

Women's Ministry

We are studying the book of Galatians this semester. Even if you were not part of the fall study, please jump in with us this semester. Join us at any of these study options:

Studies postponed for March 17 & 19

Contact Lindsay Clements with questions at wogdirector@gepc.org.

Men's Morning Prayer

For men with a bit of a liturgical bent, Bill leads morning prayers each Wednesday morning, 6:30-7:15 am from the Book of Common Prayer. We meet in Room 4 (until we run out of space). Please join us.

Life Groups at Grace

Life Groups are small groups designed to cultivate relationships which provide vital connections as we journey through life's joys and challenges. These are informal gatherings of 8-12 people, generally in homes, and meeting typically a couple of times each month. Our desire is that everyone would have an opportunity to experience the gospel within community. If you are interested in being a part of a Life Group at Grace please contact Ryan Randolph (randolph@gepc.org).

(Weekly Calendar on back page)

Prayer

Elders available for prayer after the service: If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

8:15 am: Jason Lichte, Darby Ritter & Phil Oberzan

10:45 am: Todd Koch, Kim Grubbs & Mike Wuthrich

Personal prayer during the week: The sanctuary is open during office hours each day for personal prayer. Entrance will be through the Lobby (southwest entrance).

Prayer for the Church: 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, please call the church office or send an email to randolph@gepc.org with your request.

Worship Bulletin

Each Friday the worship bulletin is posted on the website as a pdf document. It can be downloaded from the website at [www.gepc.org / resources / worship](http://www.gepc.org/resources/worship) and newsletter downloads.

Hearing Assist System

For anyone needing a little boost in volume over what the public address system provides to be able to hear the service clearly, check out a receiver/earphone unit from the Welcome Desk in the narthex.

Adult Education Classes (will not meet March 15)

February 9 - May 3

Pilgrim Theology: An Overview of Core Doctrines for Christian Disciples

Jake Evans, Room 17

Praying With Paul

Mark Jarboe, Room 16

Mar 22 - May 3

The Power of Jesus: A Deeper Look into VBS

Jason & Jenny Lichte, Room 3C