

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 27, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#124 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness

### \*THE ANNOUNCEMENT

LEADER: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

8:15am: Matt & Kristin Herrill

10:45am: Lucas & Sara Houk and Family

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 9:1-7

### \*Hallelujah to My King

O, how strong the power of Jesus' name  
It is stronger than any other name  
How sweet the victory that bore my shame  
Took the burden of my sin away

(chorus)

Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior, hallelujah to my King

O, how great the kindness our God has shown  
We were strangers, now we're called His own  
His grace has welcomed the sinner home  
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

(repeat chorus)

O, what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings  
Through the trials, He will carry me  
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet  
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hallelujah to my King

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### \*THE NICENE CREED

**ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scripture,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicaea {325}, and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon {451}. It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.)

## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Our Father in Heaven, who gave your son for us, we are unworthy of your inexpressible gift. We confess that we have not loved you or one another as we ought. We have not forgiven one another as you, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us. We have too often lived in selfishness and worldly pride, trusting in our own wisdom and plans rather than yours, hoarding the good gifts that you have given rather than using them to relieve the burdens of others. Forgive and blot out our sins, through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of your holy Son, our Lord Jesus. Amen. (Adapted from The Book of Common Worship, 1946)

**PRIVATE** (A time of silence is kept for confession of personal sins)

**LEADER:** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## \*THE READING FROM ROMANS 15:4-13

### \*Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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## **\*Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (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.  
CONNECT CLASS [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL  
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(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

Titus 2:11-14

## RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

## 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.

## Grace and Peace

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least,  
You have said, that our judgment is death,  
For all eternity, without hope, without rest

(chorus)

Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery  
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh, how can this be?  
The matchless King of all, paid the blood price for me!  
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!  
The vilest sinner's heart, can be cleansed, can be free

(repeat chorus)

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?  
Let songs of gratefulness, ever rise, never cease,  
Loved by God, and called as a saint,  
My heart is satisfied, in the riches of Christ

(repeat chorus 2x)

## All My Hope

Light in my darkness, peace for my soul.  
You are my rescue.  
You never let go.

(chorus)

All my hope is in You.  
All my strength is in You.  
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.

Here in my weakness, always the same.  
Your love is my shelter.  
Your life is my way.

(repeat chorus)

Constant Savior. Friend forever.  
Lord, You have my heart.  
Sure foundation. Never failing.  
Lord, You have my heart. (2x)

(repeat chorus)

All the earth beneath You. All my life before You.  
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.  
With every breath, my soul will rest in You.

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram

## #145 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

(chorus)

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

(repeat chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

(repeat chorus 2x)

TEXT: Latin Hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade; translated by Frederick Oakely MUSIC:  
John Francis Wade

## THE PRAYER ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**\*ALL: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.** (The Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

## THE SENDING

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**ALL: Christ has come. Christ is coming again. Hallelujah!**

### \*#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 & Scott Rask  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey

\*Congregation will stand.