

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 12, 2017

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

**\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

**ALL: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

LEADER: One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.

**ALL: For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

LEADER: Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

**\*Salvation to the Lamb**

Poor sinner, come, cast off thy fear, and raise thy heavy head;  
Come, sing with all poor sinners here, Jesus, who once was dead.

Saints, from the garden to the cross, Your conquering Lord pursue,  
Who, dearly to redeem your loss, did bleed and die for you.

(chorus)

Salvation sing and mercy sound when joined at Jesus' name;  
Let every thankful tongue respond, "Salvation to the Lamb."

Who reigns in vict'ry over death? The glorious great I AM!  
Let every soul repeat with faith: "Salvation to the Lamb."

For here our sacrifice we meet: the Lamb who freely came;  
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat, "Salvation to the Lamb."

(repeat chorus 2x)

"Salvation to the Lamb."

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**\*THE READING OF HEBREWS 10:19-25**

**THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Gracious Father, the way to whom is through Jesus alone:  
Forgive our sins.

Rather than trusting in the way of Jesus,  
we have tried to pile up good deeds to outweigh our sin,  
to prove ourselves worthy of your favor,  
to work off our guilt.

Rather than trusting in the truth of Jesus and the life that is in him,  
we have tried to change through our own efforts,  
through sheer will power,  
rather than through the new life that He gives us.

This has left some of us arrogant.

This has left most of us anxious and discouraged.

By the grace that you give through Jesus our Lord,  
cleanse us and make us whole. Amen.

**PRIVATE** (Silence is kept for private confession)

**LEADER:** 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."

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me, thine all in all."

(chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain-  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

(repeat chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

### \*This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

### \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Colossians 1:15-20

**ALL: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.  
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.  
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of  
his cross.**

### \*Prayer for Faith

My heart is glad that You are my father  
Adopted to You as sons and daughters  
And Your love endures, like You said it would  
My heart sings...

(chorus)  
Teach me the sound of Your voice  
With the faith to respond to love You  
Teach me to follow You close  
With the faith You bestow to love You

My heart is glad to serve You as King  
Forgive the times that I am stubborn  
With a humble heart, may I come to You  
My heart sings...

(repeat chorus 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45 am: John Mark Greene

## 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 PRAYER

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-14:11

### 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

Bill Vogler

### 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: Darby Ritter & Joe Harvey  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Kim Grubbs

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King

(chorus)

Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

(repeat chorus 2x)

Sing to the King (2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.