

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 11, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*#25 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 CALL TO WORSHIP

*How Great Is Your Faithfulness

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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THE READING OF MATTHEW 5:3-12

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Almighty God,
who by Your Son has given us access to Your throne of grace,
and who has made wondrous promises to us of things eternal,
we rightly owe You our total, unqualified devotion and obedience.
Yet, we have foolishly and willfully strayed like lost sheep,
by the sinful things we have done, and the good things we have left undone.
For this we deserve Your wrath and displeasure,
but, because of Your love demonstrated in Christ Jesus our Lord,
we are bold to ask for Your complete forgiveness
of all the sins we have committed.
Grant to us the certain knowledge of our full pardon,
and move us to constant, grateful obedience
that Your wonderful Name may be glorified, now and forever.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us
to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13, 14

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***There is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

(chorus)

O Pard'ning Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God are safe, to sin no more.

At Jesus' cross a thief could see this fount its grace display
And there I saw, though vile as he, Christ wash my sins away.

(repeat chorus)

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

(repeat chorus)

Then shall my heart be tuned for heav'n and formed by power divine,
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.

To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.

Words by William Cowper, 1772 (Public Domain); Music by Ryan Mayo & Tyler Clements

***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; at His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glorious in faithfulness.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(chorus)

Jesus, my life. Jesus, my strength.
Jesus, my love. All to You, All to You, Jesus.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(repeat chorus)

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Widely still His mercy flows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); MUSIC: John Goss (1800-1880)

*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.)

*Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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 PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:22-33

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: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Enough

(chorus)

All of You is more than enough for all of me,
For every thirst and every need, You satisfy me with Your love
And all I have in You is more than enough

You are my supply, my breath of life still more awesome than I know
You are my reward, worth living for still more awesome than I know

(repeat chorus)

You're my sacrifice of greatest price still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King, You are everything
Still more awesome than I know

(repeat chorus)

More than all I want, more than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I want more than all I can see
You are more than enough

(repeat chorus 2x)

And all I have in You is more than enough (2x)

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*Congregation will stand.