

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 10, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'ful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

TEXT: William Williams; translated by Peter Williams and William Williams MUSIC: John Hughes

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 33:18, 20-22**

LEADER: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**ALL: Our soul waits for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.

**ALL: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

***You Alone Can Rescue**

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea, Your grace is deeper still

(repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way, the great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus 2x)

To You alone belongs the highest praise (2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Father in Heaven, You are our covenant-keeping God.
Although we acknowledge Your great faithfulness toward us
and to all the saints who have gone before us,
we admit that we are often faithless.
You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.
You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.
You have given us gifts to steward, but we have wasted them.
Pour out Your grace upon us that we might live lives
worthy of the calling we have received.
Teach us the joy of losing our lives for Your gospel.
Preserve us by Your grace that we might endure to the end
and join the heavenly throng
in the eternal worship and enjoyment of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE

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.

***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.**

*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 Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

TEXT: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley

***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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

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.

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

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

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 SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

(chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

(repeat chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
You shine in the light

(repeat verse 1)

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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: Kim Grubbs & Warran Wiebe

*Congregation will stand.