

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 17, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.

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TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 103:1-1-5, 20-22**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

LEADER: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

**ALL: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

LEADER: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**ALL: Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

LEADER: Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

**ALL: Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

***Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, You are not like a man
That You change Your mind, or change Your plan.
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depth of Your majesty

(chorus)

You're the God of forever and ever amen!
The Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe
Immortal, Invisible God

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible, You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes, Your glory is filling this place
(repeat chorus)

Immortal, yet You once died for me
To pay my debt, to set me free
Invisible, You will not always be
Cause You're coming to reign as our King
And the saints will fall down at Your feet

(repeat chorus 2x)

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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 evil things we have done and by good things we have left undone.
We deserve nothing but Your wrath and displeasure,
but, because of Your unfathomable grace,
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)

THE ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LEADER: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. (Psalm 103:8-13)

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul! (Psalm 103:22)

*Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady MUSIC: Thomas Hastings

*Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull MUSIC:
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*10,000 Reasons

(chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I will worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(repeat chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will worship Your holy name.
I will worship Your holy name.

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Isaiah 53

ALL: Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

*God is Able

God is able, He will never fail, He is almighty God
Greater than all we seek, greater than all we ask
He has done great things

(chorus)

Lifted up He defeated the grave
Raised to life, our God is able
In His name we overcome
For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, God is on our side, He will make a way
Far above all we know, far above all we hope
He has done great things

(repeat chorus)

(bridge)

God is with us, He will go before,
He will never leave us, He will never leave us
God is for us, He has open arms,
He will never fail us, He will never fail us

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord our God is able
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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: Darby Ritter and Dan Wethington
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Larry Swinson & Caleb Stegall

*Congregation will stand.