

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 24, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*O For a Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*God is For Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley, with you by our side
You will go before us, You will lead the way
We have found a refuge, only you can save

(chorus)

Sing with joy now: our God is for us
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress
Raise your voice now, no love is greater
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back, still your love is sure
You will not abandon, You will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

(repeat chorus)

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us,
He who gave his son to free us, holds me in his love (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

*THE READING OF HEBREWS 11:1-2, 32-40

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God to Thee;
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing Thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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*He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

(chorus)

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

(repeat chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

(repeat chorus 2x)

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*O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death, where is your sting, the angels roar for Christ the King

(repeat chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(repeat chorus)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

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

Judges 16:23-31

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

*Sing Aloud

Sing aloud, you sons and daughters of the King
Rejoice with all your heart and be glad
The Lord has taken the curse of sin
And placed it on his Son

The King, the Lord is in our midst and He
Has conquered our enemies, and that day
It will be said of us that we trust
The work that Jesus did

(chorus)

He will rejoice over you with gladness
Quiet you with his love,
He will exult over you with singing
We will rejoice in our joy and sadness
Sing in response to his love
We will exult our God with singing

Behold the time is near for God to save
Call on his name in one accord
Humble your heart and bow to him
His song has just begun

(repeat chorus)

We will rejoice we will rejoice - God is near to us
We will rejoice, we will rejoice - we lift our eyes (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

We will exult our God with singing

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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 Lemon & Larry Swinson
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Michael Boulton

*Congregation will stand.