

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 2, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother— all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.  
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TEXT: Henry van Dyke MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony; adapted by Edward Hodges

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-7

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**ALL: Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

LEADER: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**ALL: Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

LEADER: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**ALL: O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

LEADER: He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

## \*Endless Light

From the highest throne to the earth below  
You laid down Your life for the likes of us  
Great is the love of the Savior

From the wounded heart to a life made whole  
Every human heart will declare as one  
Great is the love of the Savior

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low  
All created things given life to show  
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night  
Every waking moment for Your delight  
Jesus we live for Your glory

(chorus)

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever  
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise  
Hope of every heart let Your name be lifted higher  
All our hearts all our hearts sing Your praise

God be exalted God be exalted in everything  
We live for Your glory live for Your glory (2x)

(repeat chorus)

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## \*THE READING OF MATTHEW 25:14-30

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All: Most holy and merciful Father,  
We confess to you and to one another,  
that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.  
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;  
And free us from our sin.  
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

**PRIVATE** (A time of silent and private confessions for personal sins)

**LEADER:** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103: 8-12

**ALL:** Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— He forgives all our sins.

## **\*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.**

## **\*O Great God**

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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## **\*How Can I Keep from Singing**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul—how can I keep from singing?

What thou my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth:  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the tempest roars all help from God expecting  
Whose banner over us is love; until our souls' perfecting  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His—how can I keep from singing?

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Words by Robert Lowry, 3<sup>rd</sup> verse adapted from Robert Lowry

## **\*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 [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL  
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 13:31b

### THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Bill Vogler

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

### Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

## Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long  
From this labor and this heartache, I have come  
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same  
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near  
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears  
To make this stone heart come alive again  
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

(chorus)

Rock of Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es.  
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.  
Rock of Ages your will be done

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,  
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess  
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.  
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.  
Who am I that you would die to make me free?  
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.  
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

(repeat chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.  
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied  
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.  
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.  
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul  
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.  
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.  
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## All to Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, You are faithful to the end  
We are waiting, on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us

(chorus)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives  
We believe You're all to us

Only Son of God sent from heaven. hope and mercy at the cross  
You are everything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us

(repeat chorus 2x)

When this passing world is over. we will see You face to face  
And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us

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## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## **THE SENDING**

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

#### **\*#625 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

### **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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Boulton

\*Congregation will stand.