

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 23, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#8 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 57:8-11

LEADER: Awake, my soul! Awake.

**ALL: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples.  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

LEADER: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens;  
Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

**ALL: Be exalted, O God, about the heavens.  
Let your glory be over all the earth.**

## **\*Shout Hosanna**

To the King of glory and light, all praises  
To the only Giver of life, our Maker  
The gates are open wide; we worship You

Come see what love has done, amazing  
He bought us with His blood, our Savior  
The Cross has overcome; we worship You

(chorus)

Shout Hosanna Jesus He saves!  
Shout Hosanna He rose from the grave!  
Come and lift Him up, Hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven  
Death could not hold Him down, He's risen  
So let the saints cry out, we worship You

(repeat chorus)

The same power that rolled the stone away  
The same power alive in us today  
King Jesus we call upon Your name, no other name (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## **\*THE READING OF 1 JOHN 1:1-4**

### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

**ALL: Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess that our lives are marked more  
by discouragement than by hope.  
We doubt at times that you are with us,  
that your plans for us are good,  
that your Spirit is with us to sanctify us,  
that your power is sufficient to enable us to persevere.  
Forgive us for failing to live in the confident assurance of eternal life.  
Accept our repentance, Lord,  
and strengthen our capacity to trust You.  
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**PRIVATE** (Silence is kept for private confession)

**LEADER:** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:5-9

**ALL: Thanks be to God who forgives my sin and gives me the hope of eternal life!**

## **\*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.)

## **\*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: Richard Redhead

### **\*Cling to the Crucified**

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb  
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am  
O Cling to the risen Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain  
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain  
O cling to the Holy Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, Cling to His side  
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide  
O cling to the coming Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

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### **\*HEIDELBERG CATECHISM #58**

**LEADER:** How does the article concerning "life everlasting" comfort you?

**ALL:** Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

### **\*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.

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## **\*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 PRAYER**

### **THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Titus 1:1-4

### **RESPONSE TO THE READING OF THE WORD**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed, by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.