

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 30, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#26 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He—
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also—
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46 MUSIC: Martin Luther

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**ALL: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**ALL: Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

LEADER: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

ALL: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

*The King of Love

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his, and He is mine forever, and He is mine forever
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth

(chorus)

Never failing ruler of my heart, everlasting, lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is, the King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

(repeat chorus)

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise, within your house for ever
Within your house for ever

(repeat chorus)

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*THE READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: O LORD,

No day of my life has passed that has not revealed my sin
and proven me guilty in your sight.

Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart;
praise has been often praiseless sound;
my best services are filthy rages.

Yet, even though my sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them;
though unrighteousness casts me down, your righteousness exalts me to your throne.
all things in me call for my rejection; all things in you plead my acceptance.

I appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace.

Grant me to hear your voice assuring me
that by your stripes I am healed,
that you were bruised for my iniquities,
that you have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in you,
that my grievous and manifold sins are all forgiven,
buried in the ocean of your concealing blood. Amen.

(Adapted from "The Broken Heart", The Valley of Vision)

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: Psalm 23

ALL: Thanks be to God who forgives all my sin through Christ Jesus my Lord.

***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Philippians 2:5-11**

ALL: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

(chorus)
Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace, the Name above all other names.

O sovereign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace, to You belongs the highest praise.

(repeat chorus)

These sufferings, this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee, You are my hope and victory.

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows.

(repeat chorus)

The name above all other names.

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*THE READING FROM LUKE 4:16-21

*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar
Our God still calms her shores
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide
Our God is still her guide
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy
God holds goodness for His people,
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue
Our God makes all things new
No promise He gives can Satan undo
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth
Nor powers of hell nor sin
Can separate the love of God from us

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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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 [5th & 6th 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: Todd Koch & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me

All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me, oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised, in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.

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*Congregation will stand.