

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 22, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

(chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light

O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend

(repeat chorus)

You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the light
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(repeat verse 1)

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*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

**ALL: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Rising Sun

Praise Him all you sinners, sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God
We lift high His glory - shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

(chorus)

Our great redeemer, Glorious Savior
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning, You shine forever
Your name is higher than the rising sun
Your name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His name forever, speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah name above all, we lift Your name in praise
Hallelujah now and always, we lift Your name in praise (repeat)

(repeat chorus)

Your name is higher than the rising sun

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THE READING OF PSALM 23

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God,
I confess that though I need not want,
too often I find myself consumed with wanting more;
though your leading brings rest and restoration,
too often I fail to follow and find myself restless;
though your paths are right,
too often I complain along the way;
though you guard and protect me, even in the most difficult circumstances,
too often I become afraid, worried that you have abandoned me;
though you provide sustenance in the midst of trouble,
too often I refuse to receive from you;
though you pursue me with goodness and mercy,
too often I run from you and live in my guilt.

Forgive my sins. Restore my soul. May I know your presence forever.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

ALL: 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.

***Upon a Life I Did Not Live**

Upon a Life I have not lived,
Upon a Death I did not die,
Another's Life; Another's Death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

(chorus)

O Jesus, Son of God,
I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, and pardon there I see, there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1)

(repeat chorus)

Words: Horatius Bonar, Music: Kevin Twit

***THE READING OF EZEKIEL 34:11-16**

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are
We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us, seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care

Text: Dorothy Thrupp (1779-1847); Music: Brian Ortize, Katelyn Clampett.

***You Crown the Year**

(verse 1)

You crown the year with Your goodness
You answer us with awesome deeds
Your hope resounds, God our Savior
To distant lands and farthest seas

You still the waves with Your presence
You bless Your harvest with Your rain
Your river filled with living water
That flows to all as You ordain

(chorus)

Praise the name of the Lord
O my soul sing His worth
All of life join the song
Come and lift up our King

Now let the earth join His praises
Who dwells between the sea and sky?
The dusk and dawn forever answer
The call to worship God on high

(repeat chorus 2x)

(repeat vs. 1)

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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)

(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

John 10:11-42

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 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: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(chorus)

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

(repeat chorus)

Words: John Wilbur Chapman. Music: Rowland Prichard.

*Congregation will stand.