

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 7, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*#108 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"
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TEXT: Christian H. Bateman MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arranged by David Evans

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**ALL: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

LEADER: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**ALL: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.**

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**ALL: For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*King of Saints

Jesus Christ, God's holy Lamb, We will laud Thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree, And all our debt was paid by Thee.
Thou has washed us in Thy blood, Made us kings and priests to God;
Take this tribute of the poor; Less we can't, we can't give more.

(chorus)

Souls redeemed, your voices raise, Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;
Worthy Thou of love and laud, King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are Thy ways and true; Endless honors are Thy due;
Grace and glory in Thee shine; Matchless mercy, love divine.
We for whom Thou once was slain, We Thy ransomed sinner train,
In this one request agree, "Spirit make us more like Thee."

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus Christ, God's holy Lamb, We will laud Thy lovely name;
We were saved by God's decree, And all our debt was paid by Thee.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15a

ALL: Holy and gracious Father,
we confess that we have failed to love You
with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Though Jesus prayed that we should be one,
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with You.
We break our communion through impure thoughts,
harsh words, and unkind actions.
Forgive our sin and heal us
so that we may reflect Your unity and majesty
and serve You faithfully all of our days
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

LEADER: God shows his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us .
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom
we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13=14

ALL: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 5:1

***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

***By Thy Mercy**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven Thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

(refrain)

By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

(repeat refrain)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on Thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

(repeat refrain)

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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 SACRAMENT

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15-21

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 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.

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come, broken - hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

(chorus)

Lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
O wanderer, come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

(repeat chorus)

There's joy for the morning
O sinner, be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

(repeat chorus)

Come as you are, come as you are.

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Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(chorus)

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus)

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus 2x)

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry

Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King, Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior, praise the Lord, the Glorious One
By His hand we stand in victory, by His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You
You divide the raging sea, from death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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

*Congregation will stand.