

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 14, 2018

*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: PSALM 24**

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

**ALL: for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**ALL: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**ALL: Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory**

***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

THE READING OF LUKE 22:24-27

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious and merciful Father, we confess that we have not loved you with our heart, soul, mind and strength, or one another as you have loved us. Too often we think of ourselves as above others, as leaders to be served rather than servants who are to lead; as ones to be waited upon rather than to wait upon others; as ones who are greatest rather than least. Forgive us for being so full of pride and so lacking in humility and compassion. Holy Spirit, work in us the humility of Christ, that we may, out of reverence for Him, submit to one another in love and honor. Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

LEADER: 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 1:8-2:2

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God, has been on Jesus laid
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns

(chorus)

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelu - jah, praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones, who nailed Him to that tree

(repeat chorus)

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood, that my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin, has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (2x)

(repeat chorus)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave

(repeat chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee

*THE READING OF PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

*I Have a Peace

I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow
For there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future
When all I fear is all that's true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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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 though 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?

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Words by Robert Lowry, 3rd 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 [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

Ephesians 5:18-21

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 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 & Warran Wiebe
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Michael Boulton

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.