

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 13, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my *Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

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*"an altar to remind of God's faithfulness in 1 Samuel 7"
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*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-7, 21

LEADER: I will exalt you, my God the King;
ALL: I will praise your name forever and ever.

LEADER: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
ALL: his greatness no one can fathom.

LEADER: One generation will commend your works to another;
ALL: they will tell of your mighty acts.

LEADER: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
ALL: and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

LEADER: They will tell of the power of your awesome works,
ALL: and I will proclaim your great deeds.

LEADER: They will celebrate your abundant goodness
ALL: and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

LEADER: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
ALL: Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.

***Thy Mercy My God, Is the Theme of My Song**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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THE READING OF 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful Lord:

**We confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
But in you there is an abundance of mercy.**

We are spiritually poor,

But in you there is a wealth of righteousness.

We are weak,

But in you there is strength.

We are empty,

But in you there is fullness of righteousness, peace and joy.

Forgive us for trusting in ourselves,

For judging ourselves better than others,

For piling up good deeds to outweigh our sins,

For thinking all we need is one more chance.

Forgive us for not trusting in Jesus,

His life of righteousness for our unrighteousness;

His death as the propitiation for our sin. Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE

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.
1John 1.5-9

ALL: May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Beautiful Scandalous Night

Go on up to the mountain of mercy. to the crimson perpetual tide
Kneel down on the shore , be thirsty no more
Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain, sinner sorry and wrecked by the fall
Cleanse your heart and your soul, in the fountain that flowed
For you and for me and for all

(chorus)

At the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree
On that beautiful, scandalous night you and me
Were atoned by His blood and forever washed white
On that beautiful, scandalous night

On the hillside, you will be delivered, at the foot of the cross justified
And your spirit restored by the river that poured
From our blessed Savior's side

(repeat chorus 2x)

On that beautiful, scandalous night

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: John 1:1-5,9-14,16-18

ALL: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

***Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (repeat)

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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***God is With Us/ Your Grace is Sufficient**

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us
You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(chorus)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us
You are God with us

You've come to be hope, to this world, for Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are here, you are holy, we are here to give you glory (Lord) (4x)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are God with us

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***Your Grace is Sufficient**

Your grace is sufficient for me
Your strength is made perfect when I am weak.
All that I cling to I lay at Your feet
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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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:45 Elisabeth Amelia Bowling, Aveline Pascha Bowling

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

Judges 6.7

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

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Let Your Kingdom Come

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
The cross has saved us so we pray,
"Your kingdom come."

(chorus)

Let Your kingdom come,
Let Your will be done,
So that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done.
Let Your kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test.
By grace we'll preach Your gospel
Till our dying breath.

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(repeat chorus)

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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:

Kim Grubbs & Caleb Stegall

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship:

Michael Boulton & Kim Grubbs

*Congregation will stand.