

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 27, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, are present there.

His hand is my perpetual guard; He keeps me in His eye
How should I then forget the Lord, who is forever nigh?
O glorious is Thy Cov'nant grace, revealed in Christ, Thy son
In whom we see the Father's face and worship at His throne!

TEXT: Isaac Watts, altered MUSIC: From Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wurttemberg, 1784

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 8)**

**ALL: O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

LEADER: You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**ALL: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

LEADER: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
And crowned him with glory and honor.

**ALL: O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds,
And kings and kingdoms will bow down
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(chorus)

Our God is the lion – the lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is a lamb – the lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open the gates, make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save, is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(repeat chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

(repeat chorus)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has shaped in us your holy will. Amen.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness from Psalm 103

ALL: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

***Lord I Need You**

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

(chorus)

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(repeat chorus)

Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***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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***Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Heidelberg Catechism Question 1**

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

ALL: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

2 Timothy 1:15-2:2

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

Rick Pratte

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

(chorus)

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for the promised land,

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)

I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

(repeat chorus 2x)

I am bound for the promised land.

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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: Warran Wiebe & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Kim Grubbs

*Congregation will stand.