

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 4, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*Jesus, Everlasting King

(chorus)

Jesus, everlasting King, accept the tribute which we bring,  
Accept the well-deserved renown, and wear our praises as Your crown.

O send Your Spirit to impart, rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above, we first received Your pledge of love.

(repeat chorus)

The gladness of redemption's day, our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let our faith forsake its hold, nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.

(repeat chorus)

May ev'ry time of worship see, Your grace revealed more rich and free,  
Till we are raised to sing Your name, at the great supper of the Lamb.

(repeat chorus)

O that the months would roll away, and bring the coronation day;  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne, with all His Father's glories on.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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**\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 48**

LEADER: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God!

**ALL: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great King.**

LEADER: As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
which God will establish forever.

**ALL: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.  
As your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.**

LEADER: Walk about Zion, go around her,  
number her towers,  
consider well her ramparts,  
go through her citadels,  
that you may tell the next generation  
that this is God,  
our God forever and ever.  
He will guide us forever.

**\*Oh How Good It Is**

Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

(chorus)

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(repeat chorus)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

(repeat chorus 2x)

**\*THE READING OF REVELATION 21:1-4**

**THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:** Most holy and merciful Father: You read our hearts; You view our principles and motives; You know each of us even more than we ourselves. Yet, we know too that we have failed to glorify You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Indeed, You have given us eternal life in Jesus, and yet we live as if it is not so: We live in guilt rather than those forgiven. We worry rather than living in the security of knowing that we belong to you. We pursue that which we should flee – our evil desires and sinful inclinations, and we neglect what we ought to pursue – righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness. We forget your promise of what is to come, the New Jerusalem, the dwelling place of God with his people. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus, forgive us our sins and fill us with everlasting joy.

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

**LEADER:** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

**ALL:** May Jesus Christ be praised!

**\*THE READING OF REVELATION 21:9-14, 22-27; 22:1-5**

**\*Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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## **\*You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me  
When mountains stand in the path I see  
I look to love that's unfailing  
I look to grace that is all I need

Oh, call, call upon the Name  
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God  
There's nothing that can stand against You  
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save  
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,  
Your word will calm every crashing wave  
My hope, it lies in Your promise,  
My faith, it stands on the empty grave

Oh, call, call upon the Name  
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into Hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

## **\*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.

## **10:45am PRAYER FOR MISSIONS**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

10:45am Laura Kate Lill

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:  
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.)

(10:45AM SERVICE: INTERNATIONALS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL  
TEACHING TIME MAY BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME TO ROOM 17 —JUST TO THE RIGHT AS YOU LEAVE THE SANCTUARY.)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## **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.

## **THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Nehemiah 12

### **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 bur - dens  
Lay down your shame  
All who are bro - ken  
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 2x)

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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## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

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## O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree  
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting, the angels roar for Christ the King

(repeat chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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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

### \*The Doxology #625

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 8:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch

\*Congregation will stand.