

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 11, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#25 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious— Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest— to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest— the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish— but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render— O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn  
melody from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 183

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

**ALL: Know that the LORD, he is God!**  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

LEADER: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**ALL: For the LORD is good;**  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## \*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

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## \*THE READING OF PSALM 34:1-8

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Most holy and righteous Lord:**

**We have offended you by our sins and we are deeply sorry.**

**We confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,  
for we have rebelled against your wisdom,  
turned away from your commandments,  
and rejected your guidance.**

**Most gracious and merciful Lord:**

**Incline your ear to our troubles.**

**Hear us when we pour out our sorrows.**

**Forgive us.**

**Not on the ground of our own righteousness,**

**but on the ground of your great mercy**

**in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**who bore the penalty for our sin in his death,**

**and in whose righteousness we now stand.**

**We pray in his name, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

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

**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. 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.

**ALL: Thanks be to God who delivers us from all our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,**

### **\*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul**

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee though prostrate in the dust

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet,

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### **\*#275 How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

TEXT: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

## \*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.

## \*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 [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

(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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Nehemiah 12:44-47**

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.

### #177 What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

TEXT: American Folk Hymn MUSIC: William Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835

### Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.  
Chart and compass come from Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When the seas are smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,  
When the darkening heavens frown, and the wrathful winds come down,  
Still I know my need of Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.  
Still I know my need of Thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar  
Between me and peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."  
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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## How Marvelous

I stand amazed in the presence, of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

(chorus)

How marvelous, how wonderful, and my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

(repeat chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory, His face I at last shall see  
"Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of his love for me

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Joe Harvey & Larry Swinson

\*Congregation will stand.