

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 18, 2016

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#52 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90 MUSIC: William Croft

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**ALL: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**ALL: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**ALL: Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

LEADER: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**ALL: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"**

## \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*The Glories of Calvary

Lord, You're calling me to come and behold the wondrous cross.  
To explore the depths of grace that came to me at such a cost.  
Where Your boundless love conquered my boundless sin,  
And mercy's arms were opened wide.

(chorus)

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.  
Lord, take me deeper into the glories of Calvary.

Sinners find eternal joy in the triumph of Your wounds.  
By our Savior's crimson flow Holy wrath has been removed.  
And Your saints below join with Your saints above  
Rejoicing in the Risen Lamb.

My heart is filled with a thousand songs, proclaiming the glories of Calvary.  
With every breath, Lord how I long to sing of Jesus who died for me.  
Lord, take me deeper into the glories ...

(repeat chorus)

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## \*THE READING OF COLOSSIANS 3:1-15

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Gracious and merciful God, we know that we are guilty of sexual immorality, impurity, evil desires, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, and lying. On the basis of Jesus' death, whereby he paid the penalty for our sins, we ask you to forgive us for these and all our sins. And, on the basis of Jesus' perfect life, whereby he never sinned but was compassionate, kind, humble, meek, forbearing and forgiving, we know that we are clothed in his righteousness, and ask that he, living in us by his Spirit, will bear this fruit in our lives that we may walk in his ways. Amen.

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

**LEADER:** 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. Psalm 103:8-12

**ALL:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

### **\*My Name is on His Heart**

Praise the Lord, my burden's laid aside  
Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine  
And if I should stumble in the dark  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come  
Praise the Lord, He left to look for one  
Even if my soul should wander far  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul  
Find rest in Him the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here  
Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there  
And with Him I dwell and never part  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

Redemption Church (from the album Who We Are)

### **\*THE RESPONSIVE READING: Ephesians 4:20-32**

LEADER: But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

**ALL: to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

LEADER: Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

**ALL: Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.**

LEADER: Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**ALL: Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.**

LEADER: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**ALL: Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.**

### **\*#382 Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

TEXT: Ancient Irish hymn, translated by Mary E. Byrne; versified by Eleanor H. Hull  
MUSIC: Irish Folk melody; arranged by David Allen. Arr. ©1986 WORD MUSIC (a  
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### **\*Prayer for Faith**

My heart is glad that You are my father  
Adopted to You as sons and daughters  
And Your love endures, like You said it would  
My heart sings...

(chorus)

Teach me the sound of Your voice  
With the faith to respond to love You  
Teach me to follow You close  
With the faith You bestow to love You

My heart is glad to serve You as King  
Forgive the times that I am stubborn  
With a humble heart, may I come to You  
My heart sings...

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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 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 PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 13

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: Darby Ritter & Dan Wethington  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Mike Bartlow

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Hallelujah to My King

O, how strong the power of Jesus' name  
It is stronger than any other name  
How sweet the victory that bore my shame  
Took the burden of my sin away

(chorus)

Hallelujah, what a Savior, I owe everything to Him  
Hallelujah, what a Savior, hallelujah to my King

O, how great the kindness our God has shown  
We were strangers, now we're called His own  
His grace has welcomed the sinner home  
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

(repeat chorus)

O, what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings  
Through the trials, He will carry me  
One day in Heaven, our eyes will meet  
Filled with wonder, all the saints will sing

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hallelujah to my King

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