

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 25, 2016

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

THE GATHERING

*#59 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.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

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.

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

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 65:5-8

LEADER: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,

**ALL: the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;**

LEADER: the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;

**ALL: who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,**

LEADER: so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.

ALL: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

***Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above**

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps His courts below
Praise the holy God of love and all His greatness show.
Praise Him for His noble deeds praise Him for His matchless pow'r
Him from whom all good proceeds, let heav'n and earth adore.

(chorus)

Praise the name of Christ
Celebrate and lift Him up high
Praise the Lord of life
We'll sing the story of honor and glory and praise the name of Christ

God in whom they move and live let every creature sing
Glory to their Maker give and homage to their King.
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heav'n and earth adored
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

(repeat chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We'll sing the story of honor and glory
And praise the name

(repeat chorus 2x)

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Chris Eaton, John Hartley © 2008 Thankyou Music (PRS) (adm. worldwide at EMICMGPublishing.com excluding Europe which is adm. by kingswaysongs.com) / West Lodge Music (BMI) / Here's To Jo (j) All rights reserved. Used by permission.CCLI#245668

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

LEADER: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression

for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old. Micah 7:18-20

ALL: Thanks be to God who casts our sins into the depths of the seas.

***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

Words and music by Steve Hindalong, Gerald Daugherty ©1995 New Spring Publishing Inc. (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc., 741 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin TN 37067) Never Say Never Songs (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc., All rights reserved. International copyright secured.CCLI#245668

***THE READING OF JONAH 1**

***#88 Fairest Lord Jesus**

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

TEXT: Anonymous German Hymn, Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; translated, source unknown, stanzas 1-3; Joseph A. Seiss, stanza 4 MUSIC: Schleische Volkslieder, 1842; arranged by Richard S. Willis

***Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right**

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does, and follow where He guideth.
He is my God; though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path; I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking
My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall:
And so to Him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right.

©Words: Samuel Rodigast. Music: Tyler Clements and Ryan Mayo.UBP

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Psalm 107:1-2, 23-32**

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**ALL: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

LEADER: Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the great waters;

**ALL: they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.**

LEADER: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

**ALL: They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;**

LEADER: they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.

**ALL: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.**

LEADER: He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

**ALL: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.**

LEADER: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**ALL: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

***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)

(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

Mark 4:35-41

THE MESSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE

Chris Bryan

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: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Warran Weibe

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Unchanging

Great is Your faithfulness, great is Your faithfulness
You never change, You never fail, O God

True are Your promises, true are Your promises
You never change, You never fail, O God

(chorus)

So we raise up holy hands
To praise the Holy one
Who was and is and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace, wide is Your love and grace
You never change, You never fail, O God (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

You were, You are, You will always be (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Chris Tomlin ©2002 worshiptogether.com Songs/sixsteps Music. Admin. By EMI Christian Music Publishing,
P.O. Box 5085, Brentwood, TN 37204-5085.ARR.UBP.CCLI#245668

*Congregation will stand.