

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 3, 2017

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

THE GATHERING

*#76 O For a Thousand Tongues

O, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, tis life and health and peace

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoners free
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me

He speaks and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Glory to God and praise and love, be ever, ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and Heav'n

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name

TEXT: Charles Wesley MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason

***THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 24**

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

**ALL: for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**ALL: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**ALL: Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**ALL: Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

*Endless Light

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior

From the wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

(chorus)

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise
Hope of every heart let Your name be lifted higher
All our hearts all our hearts sing Your praise

God be exalted God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory live for Your glory (2x)

(repeat chorus)

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THE GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:3-8, 18-23

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious Father, we confess that we are prone to wander from the truth of gospel. We know the temptation that comes to deny you when we are criticized for believing the truth. We know that the cares of this world can ring so loud that your truth can be drowned out. We know that we can be deceived into thinking that if only we had more money we would be safe, more possessions and we would be happy, more status and we would be secure. Yet we know that only faith in Christ and all that he gives can ultimately satisfy. Forgive us, we pray, and enable us to walk faithfully in him forever more. Amen.

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

LEADER: : I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:14-15, 27-30

*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: EPHESIANS 2:1-10

ALL: We were dead in the trespasses and sins in which we once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace we have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*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)

*#350 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

(refrain)

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.

(repeat refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

(repeat refrain 2x)

TEXT: Louisa M.R. Stead MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick

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.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE 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 PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 5:19-20

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

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)

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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Have Mercy on Me

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy

(repeat)

O, help my unbelief
O, help my unbelief
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy

Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy
Have mercy, have mercy

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

(chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

(repeat chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

(repeat chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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 & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Michael Lemon & Larry Swinson

*Congregation will stand.