

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 10, 2017

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home..  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

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TEXT: Robert Robinson; adapted by Margaret Clarkson MUSIC : Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

### **\*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!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**ALL: 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.**

## \*Anchor of Hope

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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## THE READING OF LUKE 15:1-7

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**PRIVATE:** (Silence if kept for private confession)

**LEADER:** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2: 22-25

**\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**\*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

(chorus)

O Pard'ning Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God are safe, to sin no more.

At Jesus' cross a thief could see this fount its grace display  
And there I saw, though vile as he, Christ wash my sins away.

(repeat chorus)

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

(repeat chorus)

Then shall my heart be tuned for heav'n and formed by power divine,  
To sound in God the Father's ears no other name but Thine.  
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## **\*THE READING FROM HEBREWS 10:12-18**

### **\*God With Us**

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(chorus)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us  
You are God with us

You've come to be hope, to this world, for Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are here, you are holy, we are here to give you glory (Lord) (4x)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are God with us.

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### **\*Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress, helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly, wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady MUSIC: Thomas Hastings

## **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)

*(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

James 5:13-20

### THE RESPONSE

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

### 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: Joe Harvey & Michael Lemon  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs  
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King, Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior  
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One  
By His hand we stand in victory,  
By His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You  
You divide the raging sea, from death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out  
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever  
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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\*Congregation will stand.