

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 17, 2017

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him.

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TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth. MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

## \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**ALL: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

LEADER: For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

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

LEADER: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

**ALL: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."**

### \*Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

(chorus)

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
Still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all, as it should be."  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

(repeat chorus)

You give and take away,  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
"Lord, blessed be Your name." (2x)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. (2x)

## THE READING OF ROMANS 5:1-11

### THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Gracious Father, who sees all and knows all, even to the depths of our soul: You know our sin, yet still you love us; and in your love, you sent your son to die for us, putting our guilt upon him, that his death would be the propitiation for our sin, that we might be forgiven and justified in your sight. Trusting in him, we confess that we often fail to give you thanks for this wondrous love, forget its transforming power, dismiss the joy it stirs. Forgive us, we pray. May the perfect assurance of your love, forgiveness, and presence give us peace.

**PRIVATE** (Silence is kept for private confession)

#### **ALL: O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile**

O come and mourn with me awhile;  
O come ye to the Savior's side;  
O come, together let us mourn:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

Sev'n times He spake, sev'n words of love;  
And all three hours His silence cried  
For mercy on the souls of men:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

(chorus)

O love of God! O sin of man!  
In this dread act your strength is tried,  
And victory remains with love:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!  
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride  
His Pilate and His Judas were:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

A broken heart, a fount of tears,  
Ask, and they will not be denied;  
A broken heart love's cradle is:  
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus, our Lord, is crucified!

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**LEADER:** 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.

### **\*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

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

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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With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet

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### **\*What a Savior/All to Us**

Atoning sacrifice, Keeper of this life  
Hallelujah, You are Savior  
Beginning and the end, Forgiver of my sin  
By Your mercy You have saved us

(chorus)

Jesus, You are stronger, more than any other  
Hallelujah, what a Savior  
Jesus, You are higher, my soul's deepest desire  
Hallelujah, You are Savior

You are the Shepherd King, You lead us by still waters  
Hallelujah, You are Savior  
You are my only hope, Your kindness is my friend  
In Your presence You restore us

(repeat chorus)

You are the way, the truth and the life  
You are my joy and salvation  
Stood in my place, taking my shame  
Upon Your shoulders

(repeat chorus 2x)

Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church  
Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns  
Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives  
We believe You're all to us (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)

*(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

Psalm 37

### 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

Chad Donohoe

### 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 Boulton & Scott Rask  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Dan Wethington & Todd Koch

## 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)

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\*Congregation will stand.