

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 24, 2017

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*#560 For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy Church that evermore lifts its holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;  
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

TEXT: Foliott S. Pierpoint, altered; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher; arranged by William H. Monk

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-3; Revelation 4.8

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**ALL: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

LEADER: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!**

### **\*You Alone Can Rescue**

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea, Your grace is deeper still (repeat)

(chorus)

You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You, oh Lord, have made a way, the great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still  
Yes, Your love goes further still

(repeat chorus 2x)

To You alone belongs the highest praise (2x)

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### **THE READING OF EXODUS 3:7-12**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ALL: Our Father in Heaven, we profess that you are holy, and confess, that apart from your grace, we are not. We are grateful that you are merciful to repentant sinners who come in the name of Jesus. For his sake, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to live a godly life, delighting in your will and walking in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

**LEADER:** I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed. (Psalm 34:4-5)

**ALL: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.** (Psalm 34:22)

### **\*O Great God**

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

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## \*THE READING OF EXODUS 3:7-12

### \*Crowns

There is a hill I cherish, where stood a precious tree  
The emblem of salvation, the gift of Calvary

How is it I should profit, while He is crucified  
Yet as His life was taken, so I was granted mine

(chorus)

My wealth is in the cross; There's nothing more I want  
Than just to know His love; My heart is set on Christ  
And I will count all else as loss  
The greatest of my crowns means nothing to me now  
For I counted up the cost and all my wealth is in the cross

I will not boast in riches, I have no pride in gold  
But I will boast in Jesus, and in His Name alone

(repeat chorus)

And when I stand in glory, my crowns before the Lord  
Let this be my confession, my wealth is in the cross

(repeat chorus)

For I counted up the cost and all my wealth is in the cross

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### \*All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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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

Exodus 3:13-22

### 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 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  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Larry Swinson & Joe Harvey

# THE SENDING

## \*THE BENEDICTION

### \*10,000 Reasons

(chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I will worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(repeat chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will worship Your holy name.  
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