

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 9, 2018

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

THE GATHERING

*#97 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
And crown Him Lord of all!

TEXT: Edward Perronet; adapted by John Rippon; MUSIC: Oliver Holden

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**ALL: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

LEADER: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

**ALL: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

LEADER: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

ALL: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

***Shout Hosanna**

To the King of glory and light, all praises
To the only Giver of life, our Maker
The gates are open wide; we worship You

Come see what love has done, amazing
He bought us with His blood, our Savior
The Cross has overcome; we worship You

(chorus)

Shout Hosanna Jesus He saves!
Shout Hosanna He rose from the grave!
Come and lift Him up, Hosanna!

Now let the lost be found, forgiven
Death could not hold Him down, He's risen
So let the saints cry out, we worship You

(repeat chorus)

The same power that rolled the stone away
The same power alive in us today
King Jesus we call upon Your name, no other name (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we thank you that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin.
Forgive us for our careless attitudes toward your presence,
our impure thoughts,
and our envy of those who have more than us.
Forgive us for our preoccupation with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
and our neglect of your wise and gracious law.
Work in us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may desire what is good, love what you love,
and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE

LEADER: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. (1 John 1:5-2:2)

ALL: Thanks be to God who delivers us from all our sin through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Jesus Paid It All**

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me, thine all in all."

(chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain-
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

(repeat chorus)

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #60**

LEADER: How are you right with God?

ALL: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless,
without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

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***You Never Fail**

When waters rise all around me
When mountains stand in the path I see
I look to love that's unfailing
I look to grace that is all I need

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(chorus)

For there is no one like our God, there's no one like our God
There's nothing that can stand against You
There's no stronghold You can't break, no life that You can't save
Our God, You never fail

Your light will shine through the darkness,
Your word will calm every crashing wave
My hope, it lies in Your promise,
My faith, it stands on the empty grave

Oh, call, call upon the Name
Jesus Christ, the only Name that saves

(repeat chorus)

Strong through ev'ry trial, faithful through the night
Our God will never fail, our God will never fail
Anchor through the flood, You keep holding on
I know You'll never fail, Jesus You'll never fail

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our God will never fail.

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***One Pure and Holy Passion**

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life,
To know and follow hard after You

(chorus)

To know and follow hard after You
To grow as Your disciple in the truth,
This world is empty, pale, and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You,
Lead me on and I will run after You

(repeat all)

(repeat chorus)

Lead me on and I will run after You

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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 [5TH & 6TH 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

Ephesians 5:3-14

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 & Todd Koch
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Joe Harvey

THE SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

*Congregation will stand.