

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 1, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### **\*All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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TEXT: St. Francis of Assisi; translated by William H. Draper MUSIC: Geisliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

### **\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **\*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 25**

LEADER: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;

**ALL: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.**

LEADER: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**ALL: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## \*The Lion and the Lamb

He's coming on the clouds,  
And kings and kingdoms will bow down  
Every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(chorus)

Our God is the lion – the lion of Judah  
He's roaring in power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is a lamb – the lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

Open up the gates, make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(repeat chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord

(repeat chorus)

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## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - 1 Timothy 1:15a

**ALL: Holy and most Merciful Father:**

Though we should look to you to guide us, we inform ourselves;  
Though we should look to you to rule us, we follow our own ways;  
Though we should look to you to fulfill us, we try to console ourselves.  
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,  
your power too remote, your love too free.

But they are not!

Indeed without them, we are of all people most miserable.

Forgive our sins.

Heal our confused minds with your word,  
heal our divided wills with your law,  
heal our troubled consciences with your love,  
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,  
all for the sake of your Son,  
who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE

LEADER: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4

### \*His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (repeat)

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

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### \*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**All: That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.**

## **\*Stronger**

There is love that came for us, humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny, through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free, Jesus Christ who lives in me

(chorus)

You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end, You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost, You paid it all upon the cross

(repeat chorus)

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher (4x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Jesus You are Lord of all (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.

### **PRAYER FOR MISSIONS (10:45 am)**

## **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)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

## **THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

### **THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

### **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**

## 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.

### Merciful Father

God of grace and glory, humbly we confess  
Sin that clings so closely, our heaviness  
We have failed to seek you, trusted in ourselves  
We need your forgiveness, our only help

(chorus)

Merciful Father, Savior, Giver of Life  
You uphold me, Jesus, in you I delight  
You are faithful, constant, my soul cries out to you  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

It's higher than the heavens, deeper than our sin  
Wider than our wandering, your mercy is  
New with every morning, stronger than our doubt  
Holds us in our weakness, you hold us now

(repeat chorus 2x)

"Lord, have mercy"

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### Cling to the Crucified

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb  
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am  
O Cling to the risen Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain  
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain  
O cling to the Holy Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, Cling to His side  
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide  
O cling to the coming Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen

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Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am  
O Cling to the risen Son of Man  
Alleluia, Amen  
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## **Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heavens praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes

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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**

### **\*#625 Doxology**

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 8:15 worship: Michael Boulton & Scott Rask  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Dan Wethington

\*Congregation will stand.