

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 15, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

***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 lifteth 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 100**

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

ALL: Know that the Lord, he is God!
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.

*Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

(chorus)

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

(repeat chorus 2x)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God

(repeat chorus 2x)

By CityAlight / Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

ALL: Gracious Father,
in Your great love, You sent Your Son to save us,
to adopt us into Your family,
and to conform us into His image.
But we confess that in our sin,
we often haven't responded to Your grace as we should have.
Rather than love You with all our heart, soul, and mind,
we have loved ourselves.
Rather than love and serve our neighbors,
in our self-centeredness, we have ignored the needs of others.
Rather than seek Your kingdom and righteousness,
we have sought our own.

Give us Your enabling grace to repent of our disobedience
and return us to the joy of our salvation in Christ,
so that we may love and follow Him all the days of our lives.

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. 1 John 1:5-9

ALL: 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 2:1-2

***Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

(chorus)

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

(repeat chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

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***THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Day 23 #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.**

*All to Us

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, You are faithful to the end
We are waiting, on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us (repeat)

(chorus)

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

Only Son of God sent from heaven. Hope and mercy at the cross
You are everything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us

(repeat chorus 2x)

When this passing world is over. We will see You face to face
And forever we will worship. Jesus, You are all to us
Jesus, You are all to us

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*Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their Way
At the sound of Your great name.
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name.

Every fear has no place
At the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name.

(chorus)

Jesus, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and Man, You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great name.

The Fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name.
The sick are healed and the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name.

(repeat chorus)

Redeemer, My Healer, Lord Almighty
My Savior, Defender, You are my King. (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Your great name

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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

Matthew 9:9-13

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 SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(chorus)

Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.

(repeat chorus)

Words: John Wilbur Chapman. Music: Rowland Prichard.

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 Lemon & Larry Swinson
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Kim Grubbs & Michael Boulton

*Congregation will stand.