

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 22, 2019

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

## THE GATHERING

### \*Your Great Love

(verse 1)

We have come with broken hearts to meet the One, God's own Son  
Jesus, restore us with Your grace  
Nations join their mouths of praise to sing to You, Your love endures  
Jesus, restore us in this place

(chorus)

For Your glory we cry, endless shouts to the sky  
To Your throne room we come, through Your great love (repeat)

Though our sin lies deep in us we can live when You forgive  
Jesus, restore us with Your grace  
We will speak of all You've done so all who fear come and hear  
Jesus, restore us in this place

(repeat chorus)

(repeat verse 1 and chorus)

Through Your great love (2x)

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### \*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.**

## **\*How Great is Your Faithfulness**

Now unto the King who reigns over all, and never changes or turns.  
Unfailing justice, unfading grace, Whose promises remain,  
Yes, Your promises remain.

(chorus)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'  
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness,  
How great is Your faithfulness.'

Everything changes, but You stay the same; Your Word and kingdom endure.  
We lean on the promise of all that You are, and trust forevermore;  
We will trust forevermore.

(repeat chorus)

From generation to generation, You never fail us, O God.  
Yesterday and today and tomorrow, until the day You return. (repeat)

The heavens ring, the saints all sing, 'Great is Your faithfulness.'  
From age to age we will proclaim, 'Great is Your faithfulness'

(repeat chorus)

'How great is Your faithfulness.'

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## **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 God who sent your son to die for us:

You have poured out your Spirit that we might bear witness of Christ.

Yet, too often we remain speechless.

You have baptized us in one Spirit into one body,

Yet, too often we quarrel with one another and do not live in peace.

You have filled us with your Spirit to produce in us the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Yet, too often we are selfish, discontented, disagreeable, impatient, unkind, immoral, unfaithful, harsh, and lawless.

For the sake of our savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

Holy Spirit, grant us power anew that we may testify of Christ, fill us anew that Christ may be formed in us.

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

**LEADER:** He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103: 10-12

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Amen

### **\*The Power of the Cross**

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

(chorus)

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

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### **\*Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sovereign God, O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace, to You belongs the highest praise.

(chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace, the Name above all other names.

These sufferings, this passing tide, under Your wings I will abide  
And every enemy shall flee, You are my hope and victory.

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart has welcomed home, now peace like water ever flows.

(repeat chorus 2x)

The name above all other names.

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### **\*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into Hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into Heaven,  
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

### **\*By Thy Mercy**

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven Thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore Thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:  
  
From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,  
  
(refrain)  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By Thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.  
  
When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour.  
  
In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain.  
  
(repeat refrain)  
  
In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.  
  
(repeat refrain 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

Judges 3:7-11

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

\*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are  
We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way  
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us, seek us when we go astray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray  
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee  
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care

## Prayers of the People

### **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: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs  
Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Todd Koch & Darby Ritter

\*Congregation will stand.