

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 29, 2019

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

THE GATHERING

*Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, stanzas 1,2,4; Godfrey Thring, stanza 3 MUSIC: George J. Elvey

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*THE RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**ALL: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

LEADER: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

**ALL: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

LEADER: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

*Faithfulness to Generations

Loud may the ocean roar
Our God still calms her shores
No sorrow shakes, no sadness will sway
For He is good

Dark is the swelling tide
Our God is still her guide
Though pain surrounds, our Shepherd is near
For He is good

(chorus)

The Lord is gracious, He is slow to anger
He abounds in love; our God is rich in mercy
God holds goodness for His people,
Glory for His kingdom; faithfulness to generations.

Close may our sin pursue
Our God makes all things new
No promise He gives can Satan undo
Our God is good

(repeat chorus)

For neither height nor depth
Nor powers of hell nor sin
Can separate the love of God [from us] (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Faithfulness to generations (2x)

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THE READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. Yet you are a merciful God, a loving and gracious Father to all who turn to you. We humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us and forgive us all our sins and offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives but also the words of our mouths and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. (Adapted from the liturgy of John Knox, 16th century)

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

THE ASSURANCE

LEADER: For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ... And you, who were dead in your trespasses, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. (Colossians 2:10, 13a, 14-15)

ALL: Thanks be to God. 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)

Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

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*THE PROFESSION OF FAITH: Isaiah 53

ALL: Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

***This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world—the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; Music: Terra Beata, traditional English melody, arranged by Franklin L. Sheppard in his Alleluia, 1915

***Christ is Mine Forevermore**

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (2x)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

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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

Judges 3:12-30

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

*What a Savior

Atoning sacrifice, Keeper of this life
Hallelujah, You are Savior
Beginning and the end, Forgiver of my sin
By Your mercy You have saved us

(chorus)

Jesus, You are stronger, more than any other
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Jesus, You are higher, my soul's deepest desire
Hallelujah, You are Savior

You are the Shepherd King, You lead us by still waters
Hallelujah, You are Savior
You are my only hope, Your kindness is my friend
In Your presence You restore us

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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:

Todd Koch

Available for prayer after 10:45 worship: Warran Wiebe & Michael Lemon

*Congregation will stand.