

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## THE GATHERING

### The Welcome

#### \*O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose-- our souls' eternal good.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,  
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

TEXT: Margaret Clarkson, 1982 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

#### \*The Prayer of Invocation

#### \*The Responsive Call to Worship: Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**All: And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.**

Leader: He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

All: "It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is your God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

### \*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

All: Merciful Lord,  
Pardon all my sins:  
known and unknown,  
felt and unfelt,  
confessed and not confessed,  
remembered or forgotten,  
sins of hard-heartedness and unbelief,  
sins of presumption and pride,  
sins of neglect for Your Word and work,  
sins in private and in public,  
sins in study and recreation,  
sins in time misspent,  
and the sin of withholding the Light of the world from this dark world.  
Good Lord, hear my prayer,  
And in Your hearing, forgive us through the obedient  
and sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

-adapted from a Puritan prayer in [The Valley of Vision](#)

Private Confession

## **The Assurance of Forgiveness of Sin: Romans 5:1-2**

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## **\*The Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #56**

LEADER: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

ALL: I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

## **\*My Name is on His Heart**

Praise the Lord, my burden’s laid aside  
Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine  
And if I should stumble in the dark  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come  
Praise the Lord, He left to look for one  
Even if my soul should wander far  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul  
Find rest in Him the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here  
Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there  
And with Him I dwell and never part  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

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## **\*I Have a Peace**

I have a peace I can’t explain, that goes beyond the sorrow  
For there’s a truth I can’t erase, Your love is my tomorrow  
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace when fears arise, and waters roar around me  
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me  
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future  
When all I fear is all that’s true, Your perfect love is truer

I have a peace with God and man, for you have reconciled me  
I was at war, you came, a friend, to serve and stand beside me  
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness  
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

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## **The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Tithes and offerings can be placed in the boxes by the sanctuary doors, by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049 or give online - go to [www.gepc.org](http://www.gepc.org), click on "Give," and follow the prompts. Contact Bob Woods ([bob@gepc.org](mailto:bob@gepc.org) or 785-843-2005) for further assistance.

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

11:00 am: Simeon Michael Sweat, Silas Charles Sweat

(11:00 AM SERVICE: KINDERGARTEN & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASS AT THIS TIME)

## **THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

### **The Prayer of Illumination**

All: Dear God and Father, we thank you for your infinite goodness and love to us. You continually keep us in the Word, in faith, and in prayer that we may know how to walk before you in humility and in fear, and that we may not pride ourselves on our own wisdom and righteousness, skill and strength, but glory alone in your power that is strong when we are weak and gains the victory. Write into our heart by the Holy Spirit what is so abundantly found in the Scripture and let us constantly keep it in mind and permit it to become far more precious to us than our own life and whatever we cherish on earth. Help us to live and act accordingly. To you be praise and thanks forever. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther, 16<sup>th</sup> c)

### **The Reading of Scripture: Romans 4:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

<sup>9</sup>Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup>How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup>He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup>and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

## The Message from Scripture

### The Lord's Supper

#### \*King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting, without hope, without light  
'Til from Heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt

(chorus)

Praise the Father, praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

(repeat chorus)

And the morning that You rose, all of Heaven held its breath  
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was built, then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

(repeat chorus)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

### \*The Lord's Prayer

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

### \*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 8:30 worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton  
Available for prayer after 11:00 worship: Darby Ritter & Mike Wuthrich

\*Congregation will stand.

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