

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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THE GATHERING

The Welcome

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ, our Brother-- all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.
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TEXT: Henry van Dyke MUSIC: Ludwig von Beethoven; melody from Ninth Symphony; adapted by Edward Hodges

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-7, 21

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name forever and ever.

**All: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.**

Leader: One generation will commend your works to another;
All: they will tell of your mighty acts.

Leader: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty,
All: and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Leader: They will tell of the power of your awesome works,
All: and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Leader: They will celebrate your abundant goodness
All: and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Leader: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
All: Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.

***10,000 Reasons**

(chorus)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

(repeat chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(repeat chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

(repeat chorus 2x)

I will worship Your holy name.
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The Prayers of Confession

**All: Lord God, we confess that we have been weak in faith,
cold in love, and indifferent to Your Word.
We have sinned against Your grace
by trying to earn Your favor.
We have forsaken Your Gospel
by trying to find salvation elsewhere.
Have mercy on us according to Your unfailing love.**

Restore us to the joy of Your salvation,
increase our faith,
and show us how to build our lives
on the only sure foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Private Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

*The Profession of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

All: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*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)

Oh praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (4x)

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.

***He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

(chorus)

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

(repeat chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

(repeat chorus 2x)

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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, click on "Give," and follow the prompts. Contact Bob Woods (bob@gepc.org or 785-843-2005) for further assistance.

(CHILDREN BIRTH – 5TH GRADE ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASS AT THIS TIME)

THE WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

All: Our Father in Heaven, Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Forgive us for neglecting Your word, for living as we think we ought, for following the traditions of men, for allowing our lives to be swayed by those who do not know Your Word.

**Please now, by Your Spirit attend the Word read and preached.
Seal it to our minds and hearts.**

**Enlighten us where we have been careless in thought and life;
Reclaim all who have wandered from Your truth;
Establish and strengthen all who are weak;
Bring comfort and faith to all who doubt;
Equip us all for every good work.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Reading of Scripture: Romans 6:11-23

¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Message from Scripture

The Prayers of the People

THE SENDING

***The Benediction**

***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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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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