

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## THE GATHERING

### The Welcome

#### \*The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
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TEXT: Edward Mote MUSIC: William B. Bradbury

#### \*The Prayer of Invocation

#### \*The Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 118

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

**All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

### **\*Anchor of Hope**

Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

(chorus)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls [of men]

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious Son  
Source of unchangeable light

(repeat chorus)

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the Cross

(repeat chorus 2x)

He's the Anchor of Hope for the souls of men

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### **The Prayers of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, because you are so patient with us and lovingly withhold the wrath we deserve, please help us not to indulge in ungodliness and unrighteousness. Empower us, by your Holy Spirit, to see the ways we have provoked you and enable us to humbly repent. Change our minds. Change our hearts. Change our lives.**

**With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to you, trusting you in your righteousness to discipline and forgive us according to your mercy. May we be called "blessed," not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by running to you as our kind and gracious Father, reconciled to us in your Son Jesus. Amen.**

(Adapted from a prayer by John Calvin)

Private Confession

## The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift. (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians)

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

## \*Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(chorus)

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus)

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus)

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;

This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(repeat chorus 2x)

## \*How Can I Keep from Singing

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation  
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation:  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul--how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth:  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the tempest roars all help from God expecting  
Whose banner over us is love; until our souls' perfecting  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing:  
All things are mine since I am His--how can I keep from singing?

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I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Words by Robert Lowry, 3<sup>rd</sup> verse adapted from Robert Lowry

## 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: George Herbert Clark

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

## THE WORD

### The Prayer of Illumination

**All: Almighty and gracious Father! since our whole salvation stands in our knowledge of your Holy Word, strengthen us now by your Holy Spirit that our hearts may be set free from all worldly thoughts and attachments of the flesh, so that we may hear and receive that same Word, and, recognizing your gracious will for us, may love and serve you with earnest delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** (John Calvin, 16<sup>th</sup> c)

### The Reading of Scripture: Romans 7:7-8:4

<sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an

opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**8** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**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**

**\*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 help in sorrow!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms surround me, night o'ertakes me,  
He, my pilot, hears my cry.

(repeat chorus)

Jesus! What a guide and keeper!  
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 8:30 worship: Michael Boulton & Phil Oberzan  
Available for prayer after 11:00 worship: Larry Birmingham & Clay Phillips

\*Congregation will stand.

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