

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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THE GATHERING

The Welcome

***Immortal, Invisible**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious-- Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest-- to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest-- the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish-- but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render-- O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith; based on 1 Timothy 1:17 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh Hymn melody
from John Roberts' Canaidau y Cyssegr, 1839

***The Prayer of Invocation**

***The Responsive Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 29:11-13**

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

All: Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

Leader: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

*How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power thro-out the universe displayed.

(chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

(repeat chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

(repeat chorus 2x)

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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The Prayers of Confession

**All: Almighty God, who works all things for good for those who love you and are called
according to your purpose; who adds all things to those who seek first
the Kingdom of God:**

Forgive us, for we are cold in love towards you and our neighbor.

Forgive us, for we are weak in faith, for we doubt and fail to trust you in all things.

**Forgive us, for we do not seek your Kingdom, do not submit to your rule in all things,
do not reflect your glory in all places.**

We plead not our merit or desert;

nor extenuating circumstances;

nor the frailty of our nature,

nor the force of the temptations we encounter;

nor the persuasions of others who lead us astray.

We plead only the blood of Christ to wash us from our sins

and His Spirit to create in us a clean heart, a right and willing spirit. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther, 16th c, and John Ballie, 19th c)

Private Confession

The Assurance of Salvation

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1John 1:5-9

***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 thence 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.)

***How Deep the Father's Love For Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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*The Passion

The passion of our Savior, the mercy of our God
The cross that leaves no question, of the measure of His love

(chorus)

Our chains are gone, our debt is paid
The cross has overthrown the grave
For Jesus' blood that sets us free
Means death to death, and life for me

The innocent judged guilty, while the guilty one walks free
Death would be His portion, and our portion liberty

(repeat chorus)

I give my whole life, to honor this love
By the Lamb who was slain, I'm forgiven
The sinner's Savior, crown Him forever
For the Lamb who was slain, He is risen (2x)

(repeat chorus 2x)

Means death to death, and life for me

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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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

8:30 am Aidan Thomas Goertz

11:00 am Caleb John Kimble Wiard

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

THE WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

All: Dear God and Father, we thank you for your infinite goodness and love to us. 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, so 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 hearts by the Holy Spirit what is so abundantly found in the Scripture. Let us constantly keep it in mind so that it becomes more precious to us than our own life and whatever we cherish on earth. So nurture us by your word that we would live to willingly and joyfully please you. To you be praise and thanks forever. Amen.

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The Reading of Scripture: Romans 8:1-30

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For 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, ⁴in 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. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**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

*Song of Moses

Oh the Lord, our strength and song, highest praise to Him belongs
Christ the Lord, the Conquering King, Your Name we raise, Your triumphs sing

(chorus)

Praise the Lord, our Mighty Warrior
Praise the Lord, the Glorious One
By His hand we stand in victory,
By His Name we overcome

Though the storms of hell pursue, in darkest night we worship You
You divide the raging sea, from death to life You safely lead

(repeat chorus)

All the saints and angels bow, hosts of heaven crying out
Glory, glory to the King, You reign for all eternity

(repeat chorus)

The Lord shall reign forever and ever
The Lord shall reign forever and ever (4x)

(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 8:30 worship: Jason Lichte & Darby Ritter
Available for prayer after 11:00 worship: Mike Wuthrich & Todd Koch

*Congregation will stand.

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