

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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THE GATHERING

The Welcome

*Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

TEXT: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***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 Prayers of Confession

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
we have followed too much the deceits and desires of our
own hearts.**

**we have offended against your holy laws.
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared
to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Private Confession

The Assurance of Salvation: Romans 8:1-4

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 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, 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.

***The Profession of Faith: Ephesians 1:3-14**

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

***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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*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.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
And truth eternal is thy word:
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!

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

First verse by Thomas Ken, 1674; Second/Third verse by Isaac Watts.

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

11:00 am Havayah Grace Harvat

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

THE WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

All: Our Father in heaven,
give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ,
so that the eyes of our hearts might be enlightened.
Enable us to know the hope to which you have called us,
the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints,
and the immeasurable greatness of your power at work in us.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(based on Ephesians 1:17-19)

The Reading of Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God 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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe--
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He--
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And tho' this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him--
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also--
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46 MUSIC: Martin Luther

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: Mike Wuthrich & Larry Burmingham
Available for prayer after 11:00 worship: Caleb Stegall & Warran Wiebe

*Congregation will stand.

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Elders are available to pray and assist you at elders@gepc.org.