

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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THE WELCOME

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THE GATHERING

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

All: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Leader: Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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 emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Leader: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

All: 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.

*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 Prayers of Confession

All: Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to you and to one another,
that we have sinned against you
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
Forgive us, most merciful Father;
And free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Private Confession

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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 1:5-2:2

*Endless Light

From the highest throne to the earth below
You laid down Your life for the likes of us
Great is the love of the Savior

From the wounded heart to a life made whole
Every human heart will declare as one
Great is the love of the Savior

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise

From the mountain heights to the valleys low
All created things given life to show
Jesus we live for Your glory

From the rising sun to the still of night
Every waking moment for Your delight
Jesus we live for Your glory

(chorus)

Lord of endless light let Your glory shine forever
All the earth all the earth sing Your praise
Hope of every heart let Your name be lifted higher
All our hearts all our hearts sing Your praise

God be exalted God be exalted in everything
We live for Your glory live for Your glory (2x)

(repeat chorus)

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The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Tithes and offerings can be made by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. You can also give directly from your bank to the church, or by credit or debit card. Please go to Grace EPC website at www.gepc.org, click on "Give," and follow the prompts to set up an account and choose the amounts, funds and frequency you prefer. If you have any questions concerning online giving, please contact bob@gepc.org or (785) 843-2005.

The Sacrament of Baptism

9:00 am Noah Elliott Schmidt

THE WORD

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture: 1 John 2:3-11

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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

The Message

*Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one king reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

(chorus)

None above him none before him
All of time in his hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me I am not alone
O his love is sure and he knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

(repeat chorus)

Though I may not see, what the future brings
I will watch and wait, for the Savior king
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

(repeat chorus)

For my God is, the Ancient of Days

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*One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life,
To know and follow hard after You

(chorus)

To know and follow hard after You
To grow as Your disciple in the truth,
This world is empty, pale, and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You,
Lead me on and I will run after You

(repeat all)

(repeat chorus)

Lead me on and I will run after You

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The Message Continued

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are
We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin, defend us, seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, we will early turn to Thee
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care

Text: Dorothy Thrupp (1779-1847); Music: Brian Ortize, Katelyn Clampett.

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

*Congregation will stand.

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