



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### **\*Psalm 62: 5-6**

*Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
for my hope is from Him.*

**All: He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## GATHERING

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### \*Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days adored and magnified.

TEXT: Matthew Bridges, stanzas 1,2,4; Godfrey Thring, stanza 3 MUSIC: George J. Elvey

### \*Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

(chorus)

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(repeat chorus)

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## SCRIPTURE READING

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### Matthew 6:7-18

*““And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.””*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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### **Psalm 51: 1-4**

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,  
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Lord, hear our prayers and forgive our sins,  
because Christ Jesus has made us Your sons and daughters.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### **\*Ephesians 1: 7-10**

*Leader: 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.*

# \*My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

TEXT: William R. Featherston MUSIC: Adoniram J. Gordon

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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# \*Heidelberg Catechism 37 & 38

*Leader: What do we mean when we say "He suffered?"*

**All: That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end,  
Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.  
This He did in order that,  
by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,  
He might deliver us, body and soul,  
from eternal condemnation and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.**

*Leader: Why did He suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?*

**All: So that He, though innocent,  
might be condemned by an earthly judge,  
and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Norah Joy Riordan

## PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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*Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple." Please make checks payable to Grace PCA, with "General" or "Building" included in the check memo.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
    and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERMON: EZRA 8

George Boomer

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

## LORD'S SUPPER

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# Keep the Feast

Joyfully we join You at Your table,  
Pleading not our righteousness  
By Your wealth of mercy, we are able,  
Now to feast in confidence

(chorus)

Take this bread and eat,  
Take this cup and drink  
Remember how He loved us,  
Rejoice and keep the feast

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?  
Who His sandals could untie?  
Who are we that He would show us favor?  
Granting us this gift of life?

(repeat chorus)

Happy sign of friendship and reunion,  
With the blessed Three-in-One  
Foretaste of that glorious communion,  
Vision of the world to come

(repeat chorus 2x)

Remember how He loved us,  
Rejoice and keep the feast

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# Come to Me

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee  
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.  
Listen to His message, words of life, forever blest.  
Oh, thou heavy-laden, come to me, come and rest

(chorus)

There is freedom, taste and see.  
Hear the call, come to me.  
Run into His arms of grace.  
Your burden carried, He will take

Bring Him all thy burdens, all thy guilt and sin.  
Mercy's door is open, rise up and enter in

(repeat chorus)

Jesus, there is waiting patiently for thee.  
Hear Him gently calling, come, oh, come to me.

(repeat chorus 2x)

Weary, burdened wanderer, there is rest for thee  
At the feet of Jesus in His love, so free.

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## Jesus, Thank You

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

(chorus)

Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

(repeat chorus)

Lover of my soul  
I want to live for You (4x)

Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You

(repeat chorus)

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## BENEDICTION

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## DOXOLOGY

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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

## AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

Don Griffin & Michael Boulton

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*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 email [prayer@gpca.church](mailto:prayer@gpca.church) or contact one of the pastors 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.*

## \*CONGREGATION WILL STAND

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