



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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CALL TO WORSHIP

***Psalm 113:1-4**

*Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!*

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!**

*Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!*

**All: The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*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!

***The Lord Almighty Reigns**

There's an endless song, waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue
When the bride of Christ, on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the land, a multitude of praise
And like the roar of mighty seas,
and rolls of thunder, hear His people sing

(chorus)

Hallelujah, hallelujah!
For the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
For the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing, all the wonders God has done
Like the roar of mighty seas,
rolls of thunder, all the church will sing

(repeat chorus)

Certain of that day, Christ, we will proclaim
Oh, that more would share the prize, salvation in His name
Then, greater will the anthem ring,
and mighty chorus rising to the King

(repeat chorus 2x)

For the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

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 Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.

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.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, who pours out blessings on all creation,
 who instructs sinners in the way of life,
 show compassion and mercy to Your people now.
We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.
We have taken too lightly your instructions and warnings,
 and turned toward ourselves for guidance.
We have often tried to build names for ourselves,
 to gratify ourselves and to help only ourselves.
Forgive us through Your Son Jesus Christ,
 who purchased life for us through His death,
and clothed us with His own righteousness.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***Isaiah 1:18**

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

***His Mercy is More**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(chorus)
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

(repeat chorus 2x)

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Cling to the Crucified

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am
O Cling to the risen Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the Faithful One, cling in thy pain
Cling to the gracious One, who rids thy stain
O cling to the Holy Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the glorified, cling to His side
Cling to the reigning One, in Him abide
O cling to the coming Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen

Cling to the crucified, cling to the Lamb
Cling to the buried One, the Great I Am
O Cling to the risen Son of Man
Alleluia, Amen
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism 75

Leader: How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

All: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely His body was offered and broken for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, so surely He nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with His crucified body and poured-out blood.

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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: MALACHI

George Boomer

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

Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache, I have come
The skies will wear out, but you remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise your name

Rock of Ages, you have brought me near
You have poured out your life-blood, your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin.

(chorus)
Rock of Ag - es, Rock of Ag - es.
Bind your children until the kingdom comes.
Rock of Ages your will be done

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior I confess
Pull these idols out from my heart embrace.
Rock of Ages, I need your grace.

Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me.
Who am I that you would die to make me free?
To give me glory, you took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering.

(repeat chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.
The curtain's torn and I see justice satisfied
Now write your mercy, on my heart and hands.
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.

Rock of Ages, my great hope secure.
Your promise holds just like an anchor to my soul
Bind your children with cords of love and grace.
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.
Rock of Ages, we give you praise.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; at His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glorious in faithfulness.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(chorus)
Jesus, my life. Jesus, my strength.
Jesus, my love. All to You, All to You, Jesus.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(repeat chorus)

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Widely still His mercy flows.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Your Will Be Done

Your will be done, my God and Father, as in heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting, help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk, held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray: 'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

How in that Garden he persisted, I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by him alone
What wondrous faith, to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure, when there my Savior prayed: 'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise, in ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored, with all your saints I sing: 'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory, and Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home
Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray: 'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'

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Now as your church, we lift our voice and pray: 'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!' 'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'

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

AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

Mike Wutrlich & Kevin Hinegardner

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 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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