



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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CALL TO WORSHIP

***Isaiah 55: 1, 3**

*Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!*

**All: Incline your ear, and come to Me;
hear, that your soul may live.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*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

***Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious Lord,
 You alone are righteous and holy.**

**None of us can stand secure in Your presence,
 for we have often preferred the ways of the world to Your ways,
 and we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

**We ask for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption,
 Your robe of righteousness to clothe us,
 and Your Spirit to work newness of life in us.**

Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***Romans 8: 1-2**

*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.*

***Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sovereign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne of grace
To You belongs the highest praise

(chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

These sufferings, this passing tide
Under Your wings I will abide
And every enemy shall flee
You are my hope and victory

(repeat chorus)

To the valley, for my soul
Thy great descent has made me whole
Your word my heart has welcomed home
Now peace like water ever flows

(repeat chorus 2x)

The name above all other names

***Speak, O Lord**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

***Heidelberg Catechism 83 & 84**

Leader: What are the keys of the kingdom?

**All: The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance.
Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.**

Leader: How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

**All: According to the command of Christ:
The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to all believers, each and every one, that,
as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith,
God, because of Christ's merit, truly forgives all their sins.**

*Leader: The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring
to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent,
the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them.*

**All: God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come,
is based on this gospel testimony.**

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.**

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

LORD'S SUPPER

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.

(chorus)

He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.

(repeat chorus)

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

(repeat chorus 2x)

There is Hope

There is hope in grace unceasing, You withhold your wrath from me
Poured it out upon my Savior, on the cross of Calvary

There is hope now for the hopeless, there is victory all can know
For the tomb lies bare and broken, and death's pow'r is overthrown

(chorus)

Jesus Christ my hope forever, hope unlike the world can bring
Your steadfast love beyond all measure, there is hope in Christ my king

There is hope for sons and daughters, who have wandered on their own
Hear the songs of joy from heaven, as the lost are welcomed home

(repeat chorus)

I will wait until I see him, though the twilight turns to night
For my hope is not defeated, it will greet His dawning light

(repeat chorus 2x)

There is hope in Christ my king

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Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me! (repeat)

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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

Phil Oberzan & Scott Rask

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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