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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**February 18, 2018**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

## **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

The congregation stands

**Silent Procession by choir and pastor**

The congregation sits

**Introit by the Choir** Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

## **Prayer to the Lamb of God**

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Hymn 80** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Lonesome Valley

**Prayer of Confession** Unison

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...**

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Kyrie by the Choir**

David N. Johnson, 1972

**Concluding Prayer by the Pastor**

**Assurance of Pardon – Epistle**

1 Peter 3:18-22

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

## **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)  
God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

### **Time for Young Christians**

#### **Old Testament**

Genesis 9:8-17

#### **Psalms 25:1-2,4-10**

Unison

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let enemies exult over me.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

For you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**Anthem** My Hope Is In You Ruth Elaine Schram, 2003

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, my hope is in you all day long. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you alone is my song. You are the Savior; you're the Redeemer. Guide our path each day. You are the Savior; you're the Messiah; teach us your way. O, redeem us, O God of our salvation; redeem us, Lord. Show us your mercy, love, and forgiveness; Guide our path each day. Show us your mercy; give us the grace to follow and obey. (-- Psalm 25, adapted by Ruth Elaine Schram)

### **Gospel**

Mark 1:9-15

### **Sermon**

Wild Life

Mike Krech

"... and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

Mark 1:13b,c

The congregation stands to sing

#### **Hymn 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

#### **Apostles' Creed**

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

#### **Gloria Patri 579**

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

### **Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

### **Offertory Sentence**

#### **Offertory**

Lenten Meditation Charles Albert Stebbins (1874-1958)

The congregation stands to sing the

#### **Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

#### **Benediction**

#### **Recessional Hymn 260**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein' Feste Burg

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2018. Our order of service is intended to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness, described in today's Gospel reading.