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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 11, 2018

The Fourth 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 78

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

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 – Old Testament

Numbers 21:4-9

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

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**.)
Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Psalms 107:1-3,17-22

Unison

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.**

**He sent out his word and healed them
and delivered them from destruction,**

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Anthem God So Loved the World John Stainer, 1887

God so loved the world that He gave his only-begotten Son that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

(-- John 3:16-17, KJV; music from the oratorio *The Crucifixion*)

Epistle 1 Peter 1:3-9,17-21

Sermon Genuine Mutual Love Dr. LindaJo McKim

“Through Christ you have come to trust in God, ... So that your faith and hope are set on God.”

1 Peter 1:21

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 383 My Faith Looks Up to Thee Olivet

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 O Sacred Head Now Wounded Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir arranged by Barbara B. Kinyon

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Assurance

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fourth 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, and focus upon his suffering and death on the cross. Thanks to **Dr. LindaJo McKim** for leading worship and preaching today.