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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Today's worship is online only)

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Silent Procession

Introit

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 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

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

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

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**.)
Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you and live in all truth and godliness; 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

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Unison

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Anthem God Is My Shepherd Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

God is my shepherd; I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows.

He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.

My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace,
to glorify His name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear,
for Thou art by me still.

Thy rod and staff are with me and they shall comfort me.

(-- Psalm 23 from Dvořák's *The Biblical Songs* op. 99)

Charlotte Eaheart Hicks, soprano

Gospel

John 9:1-41

Sermon

Living By the Light

Mike Krech

“Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:8b-10

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

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

Largo from *Xerxes*

G.F. Handel, 1738

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 280

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 26, and extends for 40 days (excluding Sundays), concluding with Holy Saturday, April 11. Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness.