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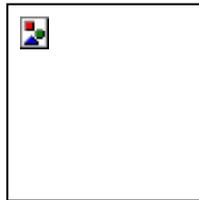
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist (Now we ask the Holy Spirit)
Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

Introit Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face,
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8;4:8)

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the pastor says, "Hear us as we pray,"
The congregation joins the pastor, saying:
Lord, have mercy.

Hymn 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

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 574 sung by all David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle Philippians 3:17-4:1

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 488 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

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 mercy, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of 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 safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament Genesis 15:1-18

Psalms 27:1-9a, 10, 13-14 Unison

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil does assail me to devour my flesh –

my adversaries and my foes – they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For God will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of his tent and set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy.

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.

Come, my heart says, seek God's face.

Your face, O Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

Anthem Jerusalem C.H.H. Parry, 1916

The tune Jerusalem is the setting of two hymn texts in our hymnal, at 252 and 450.

Rickie Cooke; baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel Luke 13:31-35

Sermon Provoking Enmity Mike Krech

“For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ”

Philippians 3:18a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

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 My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Lowell Mason)

with Ave Verum (W.A. Mozart) arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 371 Lift High the Cross Crucifer

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the second Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022, and extends forty days, concluding with Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022. Sundays do not count toward the 40 days of Lent because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his forty days in the wilderness. Pastor Mike Krech

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a might rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.
Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868;

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER; Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blessed.
Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old, And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea or land.
You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same.

Text: Daniel ben Judah, 1404; Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885, alt.;

Tune: LEONI; Hebrew melody, Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825; Tune RATHBUN; Ithamar Conkey, 1849

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (then sing refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (then sing refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (then sing refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (then sing refrain)

Text: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
Tune: CRUCIFER; Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916