

## CHURCH SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**March 17, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

**Prelude** The Glory of These Forty Days (Erhalt, Uns Herr) arr. Wayne Wold

## **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 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 574** sung by all

David N. Johnson, 1972

## **Concluding Prayer by the Pastor**

**Assurance of Pardon – Epistle**

Hebrews 5:5-10

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 483** Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Mit Freuden Zart

### 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**.)

Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you: Heed the cry of your people and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love 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 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

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament

#### Psalm 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

### Anthem

Hope of the World

Lloyd Larsen, 2003

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; a humble Servant, Savior, God's only Son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end. Amazing love! How great a Savior! Christ comes to set the captive free. A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see, amazing love for you and me! Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by Himself. O, nobody else could walk it for Him; despised, rejected and alone. He carried our sorrows, griefs, and burdens. He had to bear them all alone.

### Gospel

John 12:20-33

### Sermon

To Be Where Jesus Is

Mike Krech

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.” John 12:26a

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

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Abide With Me (Eventide)

arr. Stephen Burtonwood

The congregation stands to sing the

### Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

### Benediction

### Hymn 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

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

Today is the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024. 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

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!  
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!

Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer died For human creatures' sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707;

Tune: MARTYRDOM; Hugh Wilson, c. 1800; adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825

### **Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo, all is just, and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,  
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,  
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part.  
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART; Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesang*, 1566

### **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm and changeless be,  
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me  
roll,  
Blest Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830;

Tune: OLIVET; Lowell Mason, 1831

### **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns Thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1140; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830

Tune: PASSION CHORALE;

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729