

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 7, 2021

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

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 370

Just As I Am

Woodworth

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

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:18-25

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Regent Square

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**.)
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life,
death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that
we may become instruments of your saving 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 greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Old Testament Exodus 20:1-21

Psalms 19:1-10, 12, 14 Unison

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night unto night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their line goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Musical Meditation Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley/Were You There
traditional spirituals; arr. James Michael Stevens
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel John 2:13-22

Sermon The Cleansing of the Temple Mike Krech
“Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle.
He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.” John 2:14-15

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 Nun Bitten Wir (Now We Do Pray)
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 371 Lift High the Cross Crucifer

Following the hymn, please move directly to the outdoors.

Today, Pastor Mike Krech will be on the lawn on the west side of the church.

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the third Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on
February 17, 2021. 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 hear
his instruction about following him. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1834;

Tune: WOODWORTH; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849;

Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls away.

Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain,
And here-after in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.

Text: 7th century Latin, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972;

Tune: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

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