

# Grace Presbyterian Church

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

**Psalm 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)