

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**March 14, 2021**

**The Fourth 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 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 574** David N. Johnson, 1972

### Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

**Assurance of Pardon – Epistle** Ephesians 2:1-10

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 485** To God Be the Glory

### 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**.)  
Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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, Announcements, and a Word to Children**

**Old Testament** Numbers 21:4-9

**Psalm 107:1-3,17-22** Unison

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

**Some were sick through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

**They loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.**

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.**

**He sent out his word and healed them  
and delivered them from destruction,**

**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

**Musical Meditation** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. Gordon Schuster  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

**Gospel** John 3:12-21

**Sermon** Loving and Giving Mike Krech  
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

**The congregation stands to sing**

**Hymn 384** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go St. Margaret

**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** Our Savior, Our Shepherd: A Meditation Gayden C. Sikes

**The congregation stands to sing the**

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 280** Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**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 fourth 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

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the cross of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Tune: HAMBURG; Lowell Mason, 1824

### **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

Repeat Refrain

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875;

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY; William Howard Doane, 1875

### **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go**

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

Text: George Matheson, 1882; Tune: ST. MARGARET; Albert Lister Peace, 1884

### **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779, stanzas 1-4; *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, stanza 5;  
Tune: AMAZING GRACE; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900