# 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.

The peace of Christ be always with you. Pastor:

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

Loving and Giving Sermon

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 Gloria Patri 579

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

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** 

Our Savior, Our Shepherd: A Meditation Offertory

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)