

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 21, 2021

The Fifth 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 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

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, Announcements, and a Word to Children**

#### **Old Testament**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### **Psalm 119:9-16**

Unison

**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.**

#### **Solo**

Be Thou My Vision

sung by Daniel Whitaker

#### **Gospel**

John 12:20-33

#### **Musical Meditation**

Arioso from Cantata 156 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

#### **Sermon**

Living and Dying

Mike Krech

“Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”  
John 12:24

**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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Largo

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

**The congregation stands to sing the**

#### **Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

#### **Benediction**

#### **Hymn 98**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

Following the hymn, Pastor Mike Krech will meet near the chancel steps with any who wish to read parts of the Passion Narrative at the close of next Sunday's service.

**Other worshipers are encouraged to move directly to the outdoors.**

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

Today is the fifth 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)