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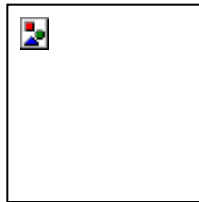
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord Tune: Clonmel
Irish melody; arr. Anna Laura Page

Introit Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face,
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8;4:8)

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the pastor says, "Hear us as we pray,"
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 sung by all David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

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**.)
O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace, springing up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us your Spirit, that we may cling in faith to Him, 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 and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8 Unison

**O God, you are my God. I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**My soul is satisfied, as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.**

**For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings, I sing for joy.**

My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Anthem

Arioso J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
From Cantata 156 arr. H.R. Kent
Bob Vawter; trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Injustice and Repentance

Mike Krech

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.” Luke 13:2-3

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 282

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Tune: Sojourner

Traditional Spiritual; setting by Wayne L. Wold

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the third Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on March 2, 2022, and extends forty days, concluding with Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022. Sundays do not count toward the 40 days of Lent because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his forty days in the wilderness. Pastor Mike Krech

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, c. 1758

Tune: NETTLETON; Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need The soul secured by trust indeed.

Text: George Neumark, 1657; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987;
Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT; George Neumark, 1657

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound,
Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

Text: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773; Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774 Conyers' *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS; Sicilian melody