

CHURCH SESSION

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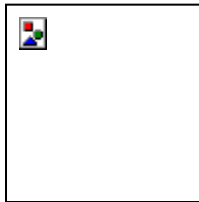
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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude If You Will Only Let God Guide You 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 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days St. Flavian

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets Austrian Hymn

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**.)
God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; 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 and Announcements

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

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

Unison

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**Day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Anthem Kyrie Eleison, Have Mercy Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
Daniel Whitaker, soloist Harmonized S. Steppe

Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Sermon The Reconciled Community Dr. LindaJo McKim
“That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.” 2 Corinthians 5:19a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 295 O God of Love, O God of Peace Du Meiner Seelen

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 The Glory of These Forty Days arr. Wayne L. Wold

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 432 Song of Hope Argentina

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church on this fourth Sunday in the season of Lent.

Thanks to Dr. LindaJo McKim for leading worship and preaching today.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.

As Thou with Satan didst contend, And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, In Thee to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us that so, this life Of suffering overpast,
An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

Text: Claudia F. I. Hernaman, 1873; alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN; Day's *Psalter*, 1562

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.

We, created in Your image, Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship Joined in one community.

When we blur Your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole.

Healed and strengthened as Your people, We move onward toward Your goal.

God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion, Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1978;

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN; Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

O God of Love, O God of Peace

O God of love, O God of peace, Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Remember Lord, Thy works of old, The wonders that Thy people told;
Remember not our sin's deep stain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but on Thy faithful word?
None ever called on Thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Where saints and angels dwell above, All hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heavenly chain: Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1860; alt. 1987

Tune: DU MEINER SEELEN; *Cantica Spiritualia*, 1847

Song of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984;

Tune: ARGENTINA; Argentine folk melody