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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Ave Verum W.A. Mozart; arr. Diane Bish

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

Romans 5:1-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

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, which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your 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 and Announcements

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Psalms 95:1-5, 7c-9, 10b,c

Unison

Exodus 17:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, God's hands have formed.

O that today you would listen to God's voice!

Do not harden your hearts as you did in the wilderness,

when your ancestors tested me, though they had seen my work.

I said, "These are a people whose hearts go astray,

and they do not regard my ways."

Anthem

Depth of Mercy
Sung by Daniel Whitaker

Gospel

John 4:5-15

Sermon

Solid Rock and Liquid Water

Mike Krech

"Strike the rock and, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Exodus 17:6b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

arr. Jason Tonioli

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the pastor and elders.

OR you may go to the tables to the left or right, eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

In either case:

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the third Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 22, and extends for 40 days (excluding Sundays). Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season. JMK

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

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN; Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name: Refrain

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, c. 1834;

Tune: SOLID ROCK; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863