

## CHURCH SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**March 19, 2023**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

**Prelude** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded J.S. Bach; arr. Gordon Schuster  
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, organ

**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 92** Beneath the Cross of Jesus St. Christopher

**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** Ephesians 5:8-14

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 171** The King of Love My Shepherd Is St. Columba

## 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**.)  
Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you and live in all truth and godliness; 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

## Psalm 23

Unison

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.**

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.**

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Anthem

O God, in the Desert I Thirst For You

Marty Haugen

## Gospel

John 9:1-41

## Sermon

Blind to That

Mike Krech

“Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’”

John 9:40

The congregation stands to sing

## Hymn 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

## 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

Our Savior, Our Shepherd: A Meditation

(Sheep May Safely Graze; by J.S. Bach

and Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us by William Bradbury)

The congregation stands to sing the

## Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

## Benediction

## Hymn 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 22, and extends for 40 days (excluding Sundays), concluding with Holy Saturday, April 8. Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season.

JMK

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a might rock Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.  
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

Text: Elizabeth Cecilia Douglas Clephane, 1868;

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER; Frederick Charles Maker, 1881

### **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me,  
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

Text: Henry Williams Baker, 1868;

Tune: ST. COLUMBA; Ancient Irish melody

### **Open My Eyes That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false shall disappear.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Text: Clara H. Scott, 1895;

Tune: OPEN MY EYES; Clara H. Scott, 1895

### **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779, stanzas 1-4; *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790, stanza 5;

Tune: AMAZING GRACE; *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900