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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**March 26, 2023**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

### **Prelude**

Prelude in E Minor

J.S. Bach

### **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 101**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

### **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**

The congregation stands to sing

### **Hymn 555**

Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

## 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, whose Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death, breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; 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** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Psalms 130** Unison

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.**

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.**

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in God's word do I hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord,**

**more than those who watch for the morning,**

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**O Israel, hope in the Lord!**

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,**

**and with him is great power to redeem.**

**It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

**Anthem** Lamb of God John Carter, 1989  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy upon us. Grant us peace. (Based on the Agnus Dei)

**Gospel** John 3:1-16  
**Epistle** 1 John 3:11-18

**Sermon** Another John 3:16 Dr. Donald K. McKim  
“We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.” 1 John 3:16

**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

**Offertory** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Wayne L. Wold

**The congregation stands to sing the**

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

## Benediction

**Hymn 391** Take My Life Hendon

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church. Today is the fifth 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.

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the cross of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707;

Tune: HAMBURG; Lowell Mason, 1824

### **Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.

The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.;

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; Johann Crüger, 1648;

Harm. Adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

### **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;  
Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm and changeless be,  
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul.

Text: Ray Palmer, 1830;

Tune: OLIVET; Lowell Mason, 1831

### **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee,  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only all for Thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874;

Tune: HENDON; H.A. Cesar Malan, 1827