

CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

Grace Presbyterian Church

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

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Prelude in G minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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, Without One Plea 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 1:18-25

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**.)
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life,
death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that
we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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

Exodus 20:1-21

Psalms 19:1-10,14

Unison

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night unto night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their line goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Anthem O God in This Desert I Thirst for You Martyr Haugen

Gospel John 2:13-22

Sermon Out of Here Mike Krech

"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:16b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory Rathbun

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 Sentence

Offertory My Faith Looks Up to Thee with Ave Verum arr. Anna Laura Page

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 minister and elders.

OR you may go to the table to the left and eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

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

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 371 Lift High the Cross Crucifer

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the third Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on
February 14, 2024. Our order of service is intended to reflect the penitential nature of
this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness and hear
his instruction about following him. (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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1825;

Tune RATHBUN; Ithamar Conkey, 1849

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (then sing refrain)

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (then sing refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (then sing refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (then sing refrain)

Text: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916,
alt.

Tune: CRUCIFER; Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916