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Worships God

February 21, 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

Today's worship is online only

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Introit

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Lonesome Valley

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

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

1 Peter 3:18-22

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

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 the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again, 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 greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Old Testament Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-2,4-10 Unison

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let enemies exult over me.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

For you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Sermon All Up for Grabs Mike Krech

“... and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.” Mark 1:13b,c

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda

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 Be Thou But Near J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein' Feste Burg

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. 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, described in today's Gospel reading. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial, You have to stand it by yourself,
O nobody else can stand is for you, You have to stand it by yourself.

Text: American Spiritual

Tune: LONESOME VALLEY; American Spiritual

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart.
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place;
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
Thou art the life by which alone we live,
And all our substance and our strength receive.
Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
And give us strength in every trying hour.
Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,
That we may dwell in perfect unity.
Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Text: Attr. John Calvin; French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545;

Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Tune: TOULON; Adapt. from Genevan 124; Genevan Psalter, 1551

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land:
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; st.1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771;
st.2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; Tune: CWM RHONDDA; John Hughes, 1907

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Text: Martin Luther, 1529; Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852;
Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG; Martin Luther, 1529