

Grace Presbyterian Church

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. Greator, 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)