

“... for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:34 CEB

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Fort Wayne, IN

First Sunday of Lent  
Online Worship Service  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Community Worship on Zoom  
Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Online Worship Service – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*How can we pray for you?*

*Let us know at [prayerrequests@gpcfww.org](mailto:prayerrequests@gpcfww.org) or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

## 10:00 – Zoom Meeting and Facebook Livestream Start

*Join us for a chat in the Zoom Meeting before the service!*

## 10:25 – Zoom Fellowship Ends/Pre-Recorded Prelude

## 10:30 – Live Prelude Starts

Sue Creager

## Welcome

Pastor Rob Brown

## Call to Worship – Borrowed from Glory to God Online Resources

Jill Werling

We have entered the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives,

**And journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.**

Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God

**And humble ourselves in God's service.**

God has marked us as beloved dust,

**And called us together to worship.**

## Opening Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

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## Call to Confession

Pastor Rob Brown

## Prayer of Confession – Borrowed from Wild Goose Big Book of Worship Resources)

**Because we have preserved our grace in manna jars for the long winter of despair, storing them in the dark corners of our souls, we have forgotten its gritty taste. Because we have put a tight lid on our joy, and put it in the back of the pantry, we have forgotten how it can tickle our noses. Because we are so busy prattling pious platitudes about the poor, the least, the lost, we ignore your words which anoint them as your children. Because we have put up the shutters and storm doors to keep your future from sneaking in, we have missed the sweet breeze carrying your hope to us. Because we are who we are, restore us, Holy Grace, and make us a fragrant offering to the world.**

*Time of Silent Prayer and Confession*

In Jesus loving name we pray. **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

**Song of Assurance**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

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### **Passing the Peace**

Leader: The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

Leader: Let us take a moment, wave to each other on Zoom, say a quick “Hello!” in person, send a message of peace to each other on Facebook, and invite the peace of Christ into our worship.

*Zoom Users: If you are able, make sure your webcam is on and you are set to “Gallery View”*

### **Time of Music and Meditation**

Sue Creager

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Jill Werling

### **Children’s Message**

Jill Werling

### **Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:5-11 CEB**

Jill Werling

<sup>5</sup>This is why you must make every effort to add moral excellence to your faith; and to moral excellence, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, endurance; and to endurance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, affection for others; and to affection for others, love. <sup>8</sup>If all these are yours and they are growing in you, they’ll keep you from becoming inactive and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>Whoever lacks these things is shortsighted and blind, forgetting that they were cleansed from their past sins.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, be eager to confirm your call and election. Do this and you will never ever be lost. <sup>11</sup>In this way you will receive a rich welcome into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:12-19 CEB**

Pastor Rob Brown

<sup>12</sup>The next day, after leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup>From far away, he noticed a fig tree in leaf, so he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing except leaves, since it wasn’t the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>So he said to it, “No one will ever again eat your fruit!” His disciples heard this.

<sup>15</sup>They came into Jerusalem. After entering the temple, he threw out those who were selling and buying there. He pushed over the tables used for currency exchange and the chairs of those who sold doves. <sup>16</sup>He didn’t allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. <sup>17</sup>He taught them, “Hasn’t it been written, *My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?* But you’ve turned it into *a hideout for crooks.*” <sup>18</sup>The chief priests and legal experts heard this and tried to find a way to destroy him. They

regarded him as dangerous because the whole crowd was enthralled at his teaching.  
<sup>19</sup> When it was evening, Jesus and his disciples went outside the city.

**Sermon**

*Monday*

Pastor Rob Brown

**Hymn**

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

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**Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor Rob Brown

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Rob Brown

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**A Word on Offering**

Jill Werling

**Offertory**

Sue Creager

**Announcements**

Jill Werling

**Closing Hymn**

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**Charge and Benediction**

Pastor Rob Brown

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders and Technology Help:**

**Vocal Musician:** Thomas Callahan

**Instrumental Musician:** Sue Creager

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Rob Brown

**Lay Leader:** Jill Werling

**Technology:** Thomas Monnier and Brian Zimmerman

## Announcements:

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Grace raised \$2,005, which is an astonishing number – and all the more heartbreaking of a defeat with United Faith raising over \$3,000! But two small congregations – and lots of friends – raised over \$5,000 to feed hungry people! Thank you for your generosity and giving – and the United Faith Food Bank will take donations even when a contest and cream pie are not on the line!

**Pastoral Care:** If you have a pastoral care emergency – especially if you end up in the hospital – and would like a visit, please let Pastor Rob know. He received his second shot on Friday and really misses providing pastoral care. Masks and social distancing will still apply. Also, phone calls work, too; call his cell at (260) 267-5367 to chat!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Nora Brown's Birthday

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Barbara Springer's Birthday

**February 16<sup>th</sup>:** Aaron and Cindy Bowers' Anniversary

## Prayer Requests

Prayers for our nation as we reckon with the attack on the Capitol and the effects of decades of division and stoking hatred against the other.

Continued struggles with the pandemic, including isolation and mental health concerns

# Zoom Instructions

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:00 for fellowship time; the service starts at 10:30.

## Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

## Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

## Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

***Phone Number:*** (301) 715-8592

***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468

***Password:*** 030414

*If you have any questions before Sunday, can call Pastor Rob at (260) 267-5367*

## 819 Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

TEXT: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## 577 Lord, Have Mercy

*Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.*  
 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

*Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.*  
 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Dinah Reindorf, 1987; arr. *Sing! A New Creation*, 2001  
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KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

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# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

TEXT: Gregory the Great, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.  
 MUSIC: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

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# What Wondrous Love Is This 215

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B<sup>b</sup> Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811  
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965  
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