

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

Jeremiah 31:34 CEB

Grace Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Online Worship Service
March 21st, 2021

Community Worship on Zoom
Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

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How can we pray for you?

Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfw.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 John Current

We gather in 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 seek God with our whole hearts

And treasure God's word in our spirits.

God has marked us as beloved dust

And called us together to worship.

Opening Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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Call to Confession

Pastor Rob Brown

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

I wish to see Jesus: in the panhandler on Main Street – but the unkempt hair, the stained, tattered clothes, the odors fit for a barnyard cloud my eyes;

I wish to hear Jesus: in the politicians making decisions I cannot support; in the evangelist mouthing platitudes to the pain-full; in the talk-show callers spewing hateful bile; but their words clog my ears;

I wish to meet Jesus: in the tattooed skateboarder riding the rails at the school; in the hip-hopper jamming at the bus stop; in the goths hanging outside the mall, but too quickly I cross the street looking for him in folk just like me.

Jesus: why would you wish to see to hear to meet me?

Loving God, hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our wounds.

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

We pray this all in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Song of Assurance

Kyrie Eleison

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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

John Current

Children's Message

Cathy German

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10 CEB

John Current

⁵In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father,

⁶as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

⁷During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from

what he suffered. ⁹ After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. ¹⁰ He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 15:1-15 CEB

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^{15:1} At daybreak, the chief priests—with the elders, legal experts, and the whole Sanhedrin—formed a plan. They bound Jesus, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. ² Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.” ³ The chief priests were accusing him of many things.

⁴ Pilate asked him again, “Aren’t you going to answer? What about all these accusations?” ⁵ But Jesus gave no more answers, so that Pilate marveled.

⁶ During the festival, Pilate released one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. ⁷ A man named Barabbas was locked up with the rebels who had committed murder during an uprising. ⁸ The crowd pushed forward and asked Pilate to release someone, as he regularly did. ⁹ Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” ¹⁰ He knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of jealousy. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead. ¹² Pilate replied, “Then what do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?”

¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

¹⁴ Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done?”

They shouted even louder, “Crucify him!”

¹⁵ Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, so he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

Sermon

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Pastor Rob Brown

Hymn

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Affirmation of Faith

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**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

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

John Current

Offertory

Sue Creager

Announcements

John Current

Closing Hymn

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Charge and Benediction

Pastor Rob Brown

Postlude

Worship Leaders and Technology Help:

Vocal Musician: Cathy German

Instrumental Musician: Sue Creager

Lay Leader: John Current

Technology: The Monniers

Announcements:

Easter Goodie Bag Handout: Instead of having the traditional Easter Egg Hunt at Grace, we will be handing out goodie bags to the children on Saturday, April 3rd, 11:00AM – 12:00PM! We are accepting candy or monetary donations towards the event if you would like to help out (Candy Donation Bin is the Narthex).

M.O.E. Lenten Giving: During this Lenten season Grace's mission will be collecting for:

- Fishes and Loaves: We are collecting donations of canned fish, and boxes of crackers plus cash donations. Bring them to church on Sundays and place in the tub in the Narthex
- Lenten Coin folders: This offering will be used to help Wellspring Interfaith Social Services. The Lenten Coin Folders are on the table in the Narthex.
- One Great Hour of Sharing supports three different programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. More information and envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

If you are able, Grace's Mission Team (MOE) would love it if you could make a donation to one or all of these truly worthwhile projects.

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 more than two weeks ago 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

March 21st: Jeff and Lauren Widmann's Anniversary

March 22nd: Diana Eller's Birthday

Prayer Requests

Prayers for the Washington family (Day Director Ashley) mourning Eric's brother's passing.

Prayers for our nation as we reckon with the effects 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

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt.
 MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt.

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Lord, Have Mercy

Musical score for the first system of "Lord, Have Mercy". It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The bass line consists of whole notes and rests.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Musical score for the second system of "Lord, Have Mercy". It continues the melody from the first system. The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The melody includes a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the first phrase. The bass line continues with whole notes and rests.

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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Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

TEXT: Charles William Everest, 1833, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1814; harm. John Leon Hooker, 1984
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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^b 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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