

**“For they will inherit the earth.”**

**Matthew 5:5b**

**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook**

## Sunday Service – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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!  
10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts      *Lead Me, Lord* by Wesley

Welcome

Pastor Kevin

### Call to Worship

God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence.

**We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;**

we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top,

**where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory**

**The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.**

We witness your bright power,

**and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

As we prepare for worship, God bring us to the mountain top;

**bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.**

*General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of the United Methodist Church.*

<http://www.gcsrw.org/Portals/4/WHM.worship%20March%20202.pdf>. Reposted:  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/02/call-to-worship-for-transfiguration.html>.

Opening Hymn #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

### Call to Confession

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

from Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

### Prayer of Confession

Holy One, We come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine. Our loads are

heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more. We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying . . . breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping. Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real. We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the worlds in which we live in.

*Time of Silent Prayer and Confession.*

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

*Written by rev karla and posted on RevGalBlogPals.*

<http://revgalblogpals.blogspot.ca>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/01/sunday-prayer-transfiguration.html>.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

from Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

**Song of Assurance**

*Gloria Patri*

**#581**

### **Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

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.

### **Children's Message**

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

### **Prayer for Illumination —**

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.  
Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful  
disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
from Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

**Scripture Reading:**

**Hebrew Reading** — Exodus 24:12-18

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<sup>12</sup> Cast four gold rings for it and fasten them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. <sup>13</sup> Then make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it. <sup>15</sup> The poles are to remain in the rings of this ark; they are not to be removed. <sup>16</sup> Then put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you.

<sup>17</sup> “Make an atonement cover of pure gold—two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide. <sup>18</sup> And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.

**Choir Anthem**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Gospel Reading** — *Matthew 17:1-9*

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After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Sermon

*Listen to Him!*

Hymn of Response

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

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**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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.**

**Call to Offering —**

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let us offering our lives to the Lord.

*from Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)*

Offertory

*Offertory - We Give Thee But Thine Own arr. by Thygerson*

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**Prayer of Dedication —**

God of all compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

from Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)

## Announcements

Closing Hymn

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Epilogue by L. Smith*

All unattributed pieces come from Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, ed. by Kimberly Bracken Long, Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Birthday

Harley Allen – Feb. 21

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for Dianna Eller recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Vivian Louise, praise for her successful surgery and continuing recovery.

Prayers for Terry Frick, Stacy Monnier's father, with a recent diagnosis of cancer. For Dustin Brown and his team looking for a marrow donor.

## ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; 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

## 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O - tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

TEXT: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784, alt.

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## Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

# Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears,  
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside,  
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 among these restless throngs abide;  
 O tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,  
 and follow where your feet have trod;  
 till glorious from your heaven above  
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

TEXT: Frank Mason North, 1903, alt.  
 MUSIC: Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

GERMANY  
 LM

SERVICE MUSIC

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures  
here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH  
LM

# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

*Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

*to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 20th cent.; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989  
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