

“For by grace you have been saved through faith . . .”  
Ephesians 2:8a



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

## Sunday Service – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*How can we pray for you? Let us know at [prayerrequests@gpcf.org](mailto:prayerrequests@gpcf.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**      *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* by Neumark

Welcome

**Call to Worship** – adapted from “Book of Common Worship-1993”

God has sent his Son to be the light of the world.

**By that holy light, we discern good from evil.**

Christ shines in our lives.

**By that holy light, we learn what pleases God.**

Christ is with us as we open our hearts to God.

**By that holy light, we live in all truth and goodness.**

**Opening Hymn #263** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

**Call to Confession** – from “Book of Common Worship-1993”

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession** – from “Book of Common Worship-1993”

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

*Time for silent confession*

## **Assurance of Pardon –**

Hear the good news of the Gospel. God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins. God who is faithful and just will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God who is faithful and just will give us new hearts. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”**

### **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!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

## **Children’s Message**

## **Time for Music & Meditation**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us Pray: God of the ages: in many ways, you have chosen to make yourself known to your people. By your self-revelation, we have been assured that you are loving, wise and faithful. As we listen to the readings of the scriptures which you have inspired, open our hearts and minds so that we might meet you in new ways this morning. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

**Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading – Ephesians 2:1-10**

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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires

and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — *John 3:14-21*

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<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

<sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Sermon

*By God’s Grace*

## Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

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.

Hymn of Response #649 “Amazing Grace”

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.

Ministry Moment – Betsy Kachmar

Call to Offering

With hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has done, we are inspired to share God’s saving work for the world. With amazement that God would invite us to share in such holy work, we come before God with what we have and who we are. Let us present our offerings to God with thankful hearts.

Offertory *Are Ye Able?* by Mason

Doxology #606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Faithful and Loving God: by your Holy Spirit, we have celebrated our salvation this morning that is rooted in your grace. You have revealed yourself to be the One by whom we have new and joyful life. With lives made new, we present our offerings for the work of your kingdom. By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless what we present to you. By your grace, make of our gifts a sign of your love in the world. We pray in our Lord’s name. **Amen.**

Announcements

## Closing Hymn #485 “To God Be the Glory”

### Charge and Benediction

Made new by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, go out into the world with joyful hearts. Preach the good news of salvation by faith by living joyful lives that are filled with kindness. Share the light of Christ with peace.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you today and always.

### Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D* by Clarke

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Just Neighbors:** Grace is providing dinner for our local Just Neighbors’ clients March 10-15. We’ve a little less help this time around and could use assistance with sides and desserts. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Betsy Kachmar.

**Grace’s Lenten Bible Study:** The seven-week study meets each Wednesday of Lent at 5:30 PM. Even if you haven’t attended yet, you are still invited to join an upcoming evening.

**Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Easter egg Hunt for the Foundations First children is Thursday, March 28, in the morning. If you can help please sign up in the narthex. We are also in need of candy donations. There is a bin in the Narthex. More exact details will be shared as the event comes together.

**Boy Scouts Easter Breakfast:** Troop 15 will be providing their annual Easter Breakfast for Grace on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please save the date. There is a signup in the narthex to help gage how much to cook (but don’t worry if you don’t sign up – they make extra). More information will be provided as it comes in.

**Save the Date - Baseball:** Grace and friends are scheduling another Tin Caps outing. The calendar date is May 19<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$29. There is a sign up for the game in the narthex. More information will be shared as the plans come together.

**Grace & the Neighborhood Garage Sale:** Grace will be participating with the North Highlands garage sale day. If you have items to donate we will be collecting them in our library. Please no clothes. Proceeds from the donated items will go towards sprucing up the lower level women’s restroom. Members and friends can reserve a table to join in the sale for a \$10 donation. More

information will be posted as we approach the June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> sale.

**New Blood for the Tech Volunteers:** There has been a request for additional volunteers to help with video and sound during our services. It's not difficult or scary ~ and you will receive training. If you can help, please talk to one of our volunteers.

### Birthdays

Ann Bausser – March 15

### Anniversaries

Robert & Carol Fahrenbach

March 12, 1966

### 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

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - scribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - scribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787  
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979  
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## Glory Be to the Father

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

The first system of the musical score for 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system of the musical score. The treble staff continues the vocal melody with lyrics 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The fourth and final system of the musical score. The treble staff concludes the vocal melody with lyrics 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The bass staff concludes the accompaniment with a final chord and a fermata. A double bar line with a repeat sign is at the end of the system.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The asterisk indicates an alternative word, "God", which can be used instead of "him".

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

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

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## 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!