

**“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”
John 12:23b**



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

March 17th, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – March 17th, 2024

How can we pray for you? Let us know at 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 *The Wonderful Cross with When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. by Fettke

Welcome

Moment of Recognition and Thank You from the Amistad Commission
Todd German and John Current

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord!

Opening Hymn #744 “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

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

As we gather before God, this place and this community of believers encourages us to set aside all of the thoughts and feelings of our daily lives to focus on the glory of our God. As we focus on God’s glory and praise God’s name, we are overwhelmed by the contrast with our own lives which are often filled with doubt and fear. God invites us to come before the throne of mercy to confess our sin and receive God’s grace. With thanksgiving for God’s gracious invitation, let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession —

God of the Ages: by the voice of your prophets, you have declared that the day of your saving work will surely come. By the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that sin and death will not claim us. In this troubled world filled with aggression, conflict and violence, we confess that we wonder when the day of your saving work will come. We wonder

when you will cure our warring madness. We wonder when your light of gracious and healing judgment will forever overcome the darkness of our ancient hatreds born so long ago that we can't remember what gave them birth. Faithful God, forgive our doubts and fears that seek to make us forget your never-ending saving work. By your Spirit, help us hear your promises with renewed faith. Amen

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon –

Hear the good news of the Gospel. As our Lord Jesus Christ is lifted up, the world is judged and the battle with sin and death is won. 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 prophets: with wisdom far beyond our understanding, you have chosen to speak words of judgment and words of hope through those you have chosen as your messengers. By your Spirit, you make your ancient words fresh and new for your people facing the challenges of this day. As we listen to scriptures of promise read this

morning, enable us to hear your promises for us and believe that we shall see your goodness in this world.

Amen.

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

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“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — John 12:20-33

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²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Sermon

When?

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 #269 “At the Name of Jesus”

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 – Holly Bouthot

Call to Offering

Believing the gracious promises of our Lord and remembering that Jesus gave himself for the salvation of the world, we are called to renew our dedication to God's Kingdom through the giving of ourselves. With thanksgiving for the hope we have through Jesus Christ, let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed by Wilson

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication –

Let us pray. God of faithfulness: you have given yourself completely for the salvation of the world and for the peace which passes our understanding. Following your example, we present our offerings of time, talent and treasure for your glorious work. By your Spirit, use what we offer this morning to plant faith, hope and love throughout the world. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #772 "Live Into Hope"

Charge and Benediction

With God's promises sounding in your hearts and minds, go out to live into the hope of God's new day and share that hope as generously as possible.

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill your lives with joy and peace today and always.

Postlude

Go Ye! by Logan

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 31st. 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 19th 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 14th & 15th 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

Franklin James Lehman – March 19

Diana Eller – March 22

Anniversaries

Jeffery & Lauren Widmann

March 21, 1999

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

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

Glory Be to the Father 581

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)

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At the Name of Jesus 264

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
 F C Dm F Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
 C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

TEXT: Caroline Maria Noel, 1870, alt.
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
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KING'S WESTON
 6.5.6.5.D

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606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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

OLD HUNDRETH
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772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778
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