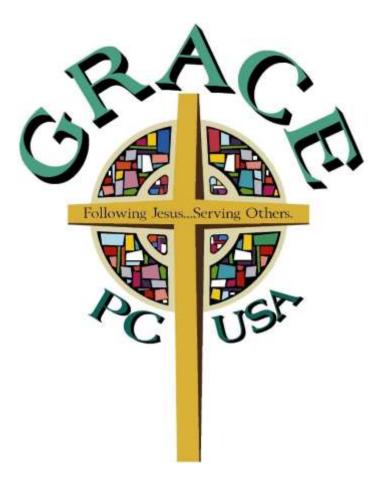
"Whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9 b



Grace Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne, IN April 28, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook Sunday Service - April 28, 2024

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

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts More Love to Thee with More Love, More Power arr. by Tornquist

Welcome

Call to Worship -

What is the greatest commandment?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.

And...

You shall love your neighbor as yourself

All the commandments rest on these loving actions.

We gather to remember these and other acts of love.

Opening Hymn #401 "Here in This Place"

Call to Confession -

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and be-ings turn from you, we long to be placed back on Your path. Hear now our confession and our prayers for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession –

Dear Lord, we admire and seek the helpers in times of trouble. How ashamed we feel when we realize how little we do to seek justice and to demonstrate your grace and mercy to this world. Forgive us for turning away from those in need. Help us to be the people you have created us to be, who willingly and without hesitation offering our hearts and hands to help, Lord. Help us to be good neighbors and to love our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon -

Friends, hear the Good News. If any of us are in Christ Jesus, we are a whole new creation. The old has passed away, and behold, the new has come. I declare to all of us, in Jesus' name, 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

<u>Let us Pray</u>: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**. **Amen**.

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading – Psalm 119:33-40 p.958 33 Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. 34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. 35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. 36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. 37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared. 39 Take away the disgrace I dread,

for your laws are good.40 How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading – Romans 13:8-14 p.1765

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Special Song	Won't You Be My Neighbor

Sermon

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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. Hymn of Response #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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

God calls us to unexpected and extravagant opportunities to grow in our faith. We know that all good gifts come from God, and we are blessed with an opportunity to reach others with our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. by Hamm

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

Prayer of Dedication -

Let us pray. God of grace, we know that all good gifts are sent from you. The only fitting response to your radical grace is our radical gratitude. Each day we should praise and thank you for your abundance in creation and providence and let our gratitude overflow us to bless those whom we meet each day. We offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure to be good neighbors in your Kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #835 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Thine Is the Glory by Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Nominating Committee Survey: The PNC is looking for Grace's thoughts on pastoral priorities. Your opinions will be a valuable tool in their efforts. The survey is on a very visible orange paper and can be found in the narthex. <u>Please</u> <u>return it to the PNC, today</u>.

Tin Caps Deadline & Payments Due 4.28: Grace and friends are scheduling another Tin Caps outing. The calendar date is May 19th and the cost is \$29. <u>There is a sign up for the game in the narthex</u>. The deadline to sign up and the payment is due April 28th. Please see Tammy Menkes or contact the office if you have any questions.

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. <u>This is a great way to clean your out your house and garage!</u> Please no clothes. Proceeds from the donated items will go towards sprucing up the lower level women's restroom. <u>Members and friends can reserve a table to join in the sale for a \$10 donation</u>. 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. If you can help, please talk to one of our volunteers.

Welcome Table Needs Volunteers:

Hello Grace,

I am hoping to gather up helpers for the following Welcome Table dates. We have been a little tight the last few times and we're hoping for more help. Upcoming dates are: Apr 29, May 6, May 20, Jun 10, Jun 24, Jul 15, Jul 29, Aug 12, 26, Sep 9, and Sep 23.

Cooking and desserts seem to be covered, we mostly need help for the event itself. If you could give me an idea who might be coming and what they might like to do, that's really helpful.

Thank you!

Kate Howard, revpenney@gmail.com

<u>Birthdays</u>

Dylan Hochstetler - April 28

Audrey Seitz - April 30 Alex Bowers - May 1 Tamara Searer - Jenkins - May 3

Anniversaries

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



The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1979 Text and Music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc. GATHER US IN 10.9.10.10.D

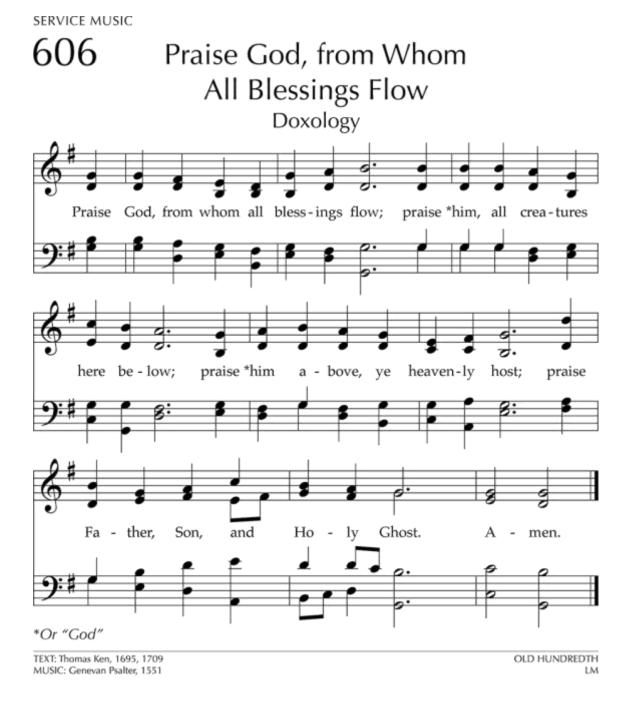


TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 GLORIA PATRI (Greatores)

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The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. North American hymn

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