

**“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@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      *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 beings 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**

Let us Pray: 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**

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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.

**Choir Anthem**

*Morning has Broken*

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**Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading – Romans 13:8-14**

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<sup>8</sup>Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The 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.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

<sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Rather, 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. Please return it to the PNC, today.

**Tin Caps Deadline & Payments Due 4.28:** 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. 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. This is a great way to clean your out your house and garage! 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. 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

Birthdays

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

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.



# 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 (Guitares)

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## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES  
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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 on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. 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 is noted at the bottom of the page.

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  
LM

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## Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835

*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

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.