



See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.  
Isaiah 43:19

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Fort Wayne, IN  
April 6, 2025  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

## Sunday Service – April 6, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know 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**      *Given for You by Blake*

### Welcome

### Call to Worship – Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

### Opening Hymn #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

### Call to Confession –

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

### Prayer of Confession –

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with

the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

*Time for silent confession*

### **Assurance of Pardon —**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering one's home. In ✝ Christ all our sins are forgiven. Each of us has a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

### **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 – Betsy Kachmar**

### **Time for Music & Meditation**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Let us Pray: God of salvation: you have inspired the words of scripture for the healing of the human soul. By the Holy Spirit, you speak across the centuries the message for this moment. Prepare our hearts and minds to hear your voice in these words of scripture and inspire our thoughts and meditations with healing and peace. **Amen.**

### **Hebrew Bible Reading — Isaiah 43:16-21**

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16 This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,  
17 who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,  
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
18 “Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
19 See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
20 The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
21 the people I formed for myself  
that they may proclaim my praise.

**Choir Anthem**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

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**Gospel Reading — John 12:1-8**

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Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,  
5 “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth

a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## Sermon

## *Always Renewing*

### 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 #201 "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### 556 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

### 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.

557 "Christ has died, Christ is Risen"

### Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his Grace. Amen.

### Prayer

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all  
those in need.

*A brief silence.*

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (especially). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in



the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

## **One Great Hour of Sharing – *Holly Bouthot***

### **Call to Offering**

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we have been fed with your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing that love with the world in need through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Offertory**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* by Hassler

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

### **Prayer of Dedication —**

Let us pray. God of every nation: Your love knows no limits. You long to gather your people into one family of faith in Christ. Led to share your longing, we offer our love, good will and treasures for your gracious purposes. Receive our offering and fill them with your love for the world. We pray in Christ. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn #463 “How Firm a Foundation”**

### **Charge and Benediction**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Go Ye! by Logan

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Are Selling SCRIP Today (4.6):** A portion of each card comes back to us and our ministries. To purchase Scrip or for more information see John Current.

**North Highland Neighborhood Association Garage Sale Opportunity:** During the community sale, June 13-14, Grace will be offering space for those that might want to join but don't have a local garage sale. For a \$10 donation you can reserve a table in our fellowship hall. See Tammy for more information or to get your space.

**Easter Candy Donations & Volunteer Needs:** We are looking for candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt at Grace event (April 19). Donations can be brought to the narthex. There is a bin for set up for them. We are also in need of volunteers. Sign up in the narthex.

### Birthdays

Dale Lehman – April 6

### 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

## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.  
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

MIT FREUDEN ZART  
 B.7.B.7.B.B.7

mur-mur stilled;  
all is right;  
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The treble staff contains a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff contains a bass line with notes G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2. The lyrics are written between the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'mur-mur stilled; all is right; cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry! take your part:'. The score ends with a double bar line.

## 201 A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar, by Love's di - vine ap -  
 2 A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by Love's di - vine com -  
 3 Though wom - an - wis - dom, wom-an-truth, for cen - tu - ries were  
 4 The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, by Love's di - vine or -

point - ing. With rare per - fume she filled the room, pre -  
 mis - sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a -  
 hid - den, un - sung, un - writ - ten, and un - heard, de -  
 dain - ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid - ing and a - noint-ing. A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar,  
 ris - ing from sub - mis - sion. A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb,  
 rid - ed and for - bid - den, the Spir - it's breath, the Spir - it's fire,  
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls,

the sneers of scorn de - fy - ing. With rare per - fume she  
 with res - ur - rec - tion gos - pel. She saw; she heard; she  
 on free and slave de - scend-ing, can tum - ble our di -  
 from wom - en, men, and chil - dren, the friends we need, to

This text seeks to reverse the neglected witness of biblical women by celebrating the woman who washed Jesus' feet (unnamed in Matthew 26:6-13/Mark 14:3-9/Luke 7:36-50; Mary of Bethany in John 12:1-8) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18; Matthew 28:1-10/Mark 16:1-7/Luke 24:10).

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1991  
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.  
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HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING  
 B.7.B.7.D

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.  
preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.  
vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.  
serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 MUSIC: American folk melody; Furr's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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