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Mark 1:4



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

October 19, 2025

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – October 19, 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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus by Kirkpatrick

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Oh God you are my God.

I earnestly search for you.

My soul searches for you, my body longs for you

in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary

and gazed upon your power and glory.

Your unfailing love is better than life itself

how I praise you!

I will praise you as long as I live!

Opening Hymn #664 “Morning has Broken”

Call to Confession –

We seek you Lord. We bring our problems, our disappointments, our sins. We are not clean, but for those of us that call on the name of the Lord our burden will be lifted. Our hope is in the Lord.

Prayer of Confession –

Dear God, Grant us wisdom to welcome a new path, a new vision, a following of your word. Let us seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. We seek the faith of those that entered the promised land. Those that listened to God's word leading them through the wilderness. Our fathers, who suffered and sacrificed for the faith, we seek. Forgive us our

straying, our lapses, our wandering in the desert. Help us to follow your commands and bring you praise. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

With joy, call on God's name and give thanks to the Lord. In the name of 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.

Time for Music & Meditation

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds that your words can grow in our souls and illuminate our lives. Bring joy to our lives through the love of your scripture. **Amen.**

Hebrew Bible Reading — Job 1:19 & Isaiah 40:3

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Job 1:19 –

"When suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

Isaiah 40:3 –

A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

Choir Anthem #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:4, 12

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4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness . . .

Sermon

Living the good life?

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 #792 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

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

As God has been with us through all we have. Let us share with those less fortunate through our tithes and gifts.

Offertory *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* arr. by Thygerson

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

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Lord God, accept these gifts, given in joy to aid those in need and to support the work of your church.

Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #306 "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*"

Postlude *Profession of Faith* by Kendall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Congregational Meeting Meets Today: Our annual meeting will be held right after the service.

Session Meets Today:

Halloween at Grace: Our annual 'treat' for our neighbors is just around the corner (October 31) and we need volunteers. We need people to hand out candy. We need people willing to decorate tables. We need people to serve the hotdogs and cider. If you can help talk to Todd or sign-up in the narthex.

Foundation First Celebration Party: Our neighborhood friends at Foundations First are hosting a party to celebrate some new programs and community ministries on October 24th. The party is from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and will include food trucks, games, and music. Everyone is invited.

All Saints Day Observed: Grace will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, November 2nd.

Grace Pledge Sunday: Our annual pledge day is nearly upon us. We will be celebrating our gifts, returned to our Lord on November 9th. There will be a meal to follow the service that Sunday. You should be receiving a letter in the mail with more information soon.

Planned Giving Workshop: Also following the service on November 9th, we will be hosting a presentation by Sheri Finke from the Presbyterian Foundation. This workshop is open to anyone interested. There will be a sign-up in the narthex or you can contact Stacey Monnier at 260-205-1008 for more information.

Birthdays

Matt Seitz - October 23

Ken Mahoney - October 24

Anniversaries

Carl & Bonnie Geist

October 21, 1971

Dylan & Grace Hochstetler

October 23, 2021

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

Morning Has Broken

664

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012
 Text © David Higham Assoc., Ltd.
 Music Arr. © 2012 Beverly A. Howard

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D

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.

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

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989, alt.
Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

BALM IN GILEAD
7.6.7.6 with refrain

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. 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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing harmonic support. The final system ends with a double bar line.

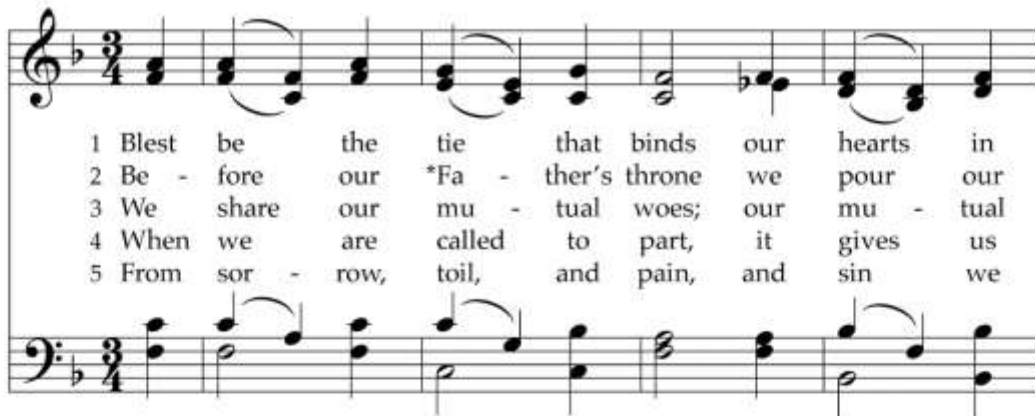
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
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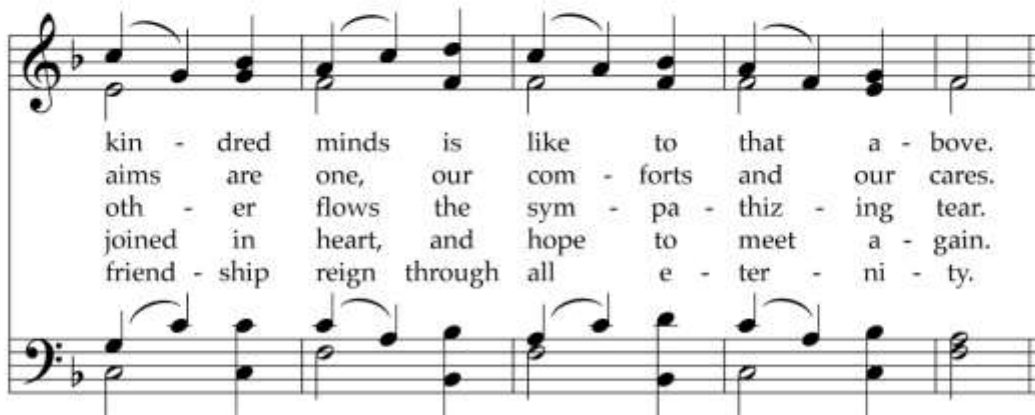
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

TEXT: John Fawcett, 1782
 MUSIC: Johann Georg Nägeli, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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