



# **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

***A Stephen Ministry Congregation***

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**March 17th, 2024**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[O Lord, please hear our prayer. As we start the climb down the mountain with Jesus after these forty days and forty nights, we pray that we will be ready for what comes next. As the ministry of Jesus began after a season of prayer, so does ours. We give thanks for the promise that you will be with us as we continue to spread the gospel to the world. May your will be done through us, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.]

Prelude

“If My People Will Pray”

Jimmy Owens

Welcome and Invitation to Share in Our Life Together

(Please sign and pass the attendance register)

Introit

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

Call to Worship

Have mercy on us, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;

**According to your abundant mercy,  
blot out our transgressions.**

You desire truth in our deepest selves,  
so teach our hearts wisdom.

**Let us hear your joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
put new and right spirits within us.

**Sustain in us willing spirits  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation.**

Let us worship God!

✠ Hymn No. 371

“Lift High the Cross”

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✠ *Rise in body or in spirit*

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

**Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be.**

## ✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

## ✠ Hymn No. 2275

“Kyrie”

PARTICULAR TIMES OF WORSHIP

2275

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste

e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e

e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

WORDS: Ancient Greek  
MUSIC: Based on Mvt. II from *Symphony No. 9* by Antonín Dvořák;  
arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Arr. © 1998 Alfred Publishing Co.

NEW WORLD  
Irregular

## ✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Hymn No. 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Glory Be to the Father" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many chords and some melodic lines.

## PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Jer. 31: 31-34

Bible Page 735, O.T.

Psalms 51: 1-12

Bible Page 520, O.T.

Anthem

“Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me”

arr. Robert Roth

Children’s Time

Gospel Lesson

John 12: 20-33

Bible Page 106, N.T.

Sermon

“When I am Lifted Up”

Rev. Robin Palmer

Meditative Music

“Cast Thou Burdens Upon the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

## RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed – Traditional version) Hymnal, Page 14

✠ Hymn No. 423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(The congregation is invited to respond with “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”)

## Call to Prayer

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.**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer (Traditional version)

Hymnal, Page 16

### The Offering

### Offertory

“Give Your Best to the Master”

Charlotte Barnard

### ✠ Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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### Offertory Prayer

✠ The Peace

Since God in Christ has given us peace, let us share that peace in the whole family of faith. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(Share some sign of God's peace with those near you.)

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 83

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

✠ Call to Service

People of God, go forth on your Lenten journey,  
knowing that you do not go alone.

**Have courage as you walk toward the cross,  
even through the valley of the shadow of death,  
for the Word of Life has been planted within you,  
and God has promised that it will bear much fruit.**

And as you go, may God's glory inspire you,  
Christ's cross challenge you, and the Spirit's creativity pursue you,  
now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

✠ Benediction

"An Irish Blessing"

Jeremy Hanson

✠ Postlude

"Sound the Battle Cry"

Sherwin/Cutler

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR LITURGIST TODAY** is Jim Kennedy.

**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY** by Don Sippel to the Glory of God and in memory of Betty Lou and Donald Sippel.

**PROPERTY WORK DAY** will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9am.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** will be on Easter Sunday. Start time will be determined soon!

**POTLUCK:** We will have a Potato Bar potluck after worship today for St. Patrick's Day.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Robin is in the office Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-3pm, and Alex will be in Wednesday and Thursday 9:00am-2pm.

**WEEKLY LENTEN DEVOTIONS** will continue to be emailed to Gracelist weekly. We will be using the Presbyterian Outlook Devotion "Local Pilgrim."

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY:** Thank you to all who have donated books to the library. We currently have plenty of adult and young adult (grades 5-12) books, but we can use more young children's books. We will run out within the next week or two. Donation box is in the church office. Thank you!

**ROUND TABLE & TEAM MEETINGS** will be today during the potluck.

**LECTIONARY READINGS** for Next Week:

Mark 11:1-11                      Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29                      Isa. 50:4-9a                      Phil. 2:5-11

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### **Today, Mar. 17 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)\*\*

12:00 p.m. Potluck

Round Table and Team Meetings

### **Tuesday, Mar. 19**

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (in person and ZOOM)

### **Wednesday, Mar. 20**

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, Mar. 21**

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (ZOOM Only)

4:00 p.m. Barbershop Quartet rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Voice Choir Rehearsal

Donate to Grace Presbyterian now!



### **Sunday, Mar. 24 PALM SUNDAY**

9:30–10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (in-person and livestreamed)\*\*

Grace Presbyterian supports the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County.

**\*\* Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request. After the service, copies of sermons are available upon request.**

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## Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)  
Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.  
*Refrain and Descant*

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916  
Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

*Descant*

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
 Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,  
 And earth repeat the loud Amen!

LENT

# 83 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS LM

Attr. Thomas à Kempis (1380–1471)

Trans. Benjamin Webb and John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

Based on E. Power Biggs, 1947

Arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*Fanfare (may be introduction, interlude, and conclusion)*

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How  
2. For us bap-tized, for us He bore His  
3. For us to e - vil power be - trayed, Scourged,  
4. For us He rose from death a - gain; For  
5. All glo - ry to our Lord and God For

pass - ing thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of  
ho - ly fast and hun-gered sore; For us temp-ta - tions  
mocked, in pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame-ful  
us He went on high to reign; For us He sent the  
love so deep, so high, so broad: The Trin - i - ty whom



LENT



God, should take Our mor - tal form for mor-tals' sake.  
sharp He knew, For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
cross and death, For us gave up His dy - ing breath.  
Spir - it here To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

