

*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*February 13, 2022*

I Believe in God the Father  
Almighty,  
Maker of heaven  
and earth

## Thought for Meditation:

The earth does not belong to people; people belong to the earth... this earth is precious to the Creator and to harm the earth is to heap contempt upon its Creator. *Chief Seattle*

## Prelude

Variations on "Austrian Hymn"

Paine

## Welcome and Announcements

Doug Marshall

## \* Call To Worship

Psalm 33:1,6,8-9

Henry Kedzierski

L: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous ones.

**P: Praise from the upright is beautiful.**

L: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

**P: The sun, the moon, and the stars were created by God's breath.**

L: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people stand in awe of God.

**P: God spoke, and it came to be; God commanded, and creation appeared.**

L: O people of God, let us worship the Creator of heaven and earth!

**P: Alleluia! O praise Him!**

## \* Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King (v1, 3, 5)

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## Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son... *Silent Prayer of Confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:23-24

L: All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory;

**P: We are all justified by God's grace as a gift.**

L: Our redemption is found in Christ Jesus.

**P: Through Jesus we are forgiven!**

**ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

## \* Passing of the Peace

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

## \* Glory Be To The Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

## Special Music Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (Harlan)

Chancel Choir

## Children's Message

<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 1:1-31 John 1:1-5, 14	(page 1) (page 1065)
<b>Sermon</b>	Apostles Creed: God... Maker of Heaven and Earth	

### \*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**                      This Is My Father's World                      #143

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**                      Your Word, O Lord, Is Gentle Dew                      Cherwien

\* **Doxology**                      #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \* **Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Hymn of Dedication**                      I Sing the Mighty Power of God                      #128

### \* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Congregational Response**                      #63

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* **Postlude**                      Fugue and Finale on "Austrian Hymn"                      Paine

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**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

**Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.** Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service. Your hosts will be Cindy and John Irvin.

**To: Members of Grace Community Presbyterian Church**

Due to Covid19, the years 2020 and 2021 were like no other we have experienced here at Grace Church. Our congregation had to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, social distance in the sanctuary and close our church not once but twice. While we could have suffered financially during those shutdowns, we were blessed that our church members honored their financial commitments of stewardship and allowed us to continue paying bills as normal. We are starting 2022 with our church open and operating in a normal fashion. Not only is there the need to generate funds to maintain our regular budget but we must also address some necessary building repairs and the expansion of mission plans for this year. To that end, we would prayerfully ask that you review your current giving amounts and if possible, increase your stewardship for this year so that we may continue to support our church, community and missions around the world.

Thank you, The Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Volunteers needed** for coffee fellowship, sign-up sheet is located near the office or see a member of the Reach Out committee. Thank You!

**The Mission Study Team** has started meeting. This group will help Grace Church discern where God is calling it and what type of pastor the church needs. Please keep this group in your prayers, and as they plan various events and activities please participate as much as possible. Michael Cochenour, Kerrie Colaianni, Bill Ludwig, Glenn Nordstrom, Stephanie Tutka, Terri Wilson.

**Adult Sunday School:** Next Sunday, 2/20, the Adult Sunday school class will reprise our discussion of C.S. Lewis. We didn't have time to cover everything, so we will go back and look at some of the readings by Lewis – from Screwtape Letters, A Grief Observed, and the Chronicles of Narnia. Led by Doug Marshall.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** While visiting England, Franz Joseph Haydn came to know the British national anthem, "God Save the King." He envied the British nation for a song which could, at festive occasions, show its respect, love, and devotion to its country. When he returned to Austria, he related these impressions to a friend, a friend who was also a close advisor to the emperor. And thus, in 1797, the Austrian Hymn was born. Since becoming Austria's national anthem, it has become the tune for the alma maters of four universities in the U.S., and has made its way into quite a few hymnals. The most common pairing in hymnals is with Newton's hymn, "**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken.**"

Almost twenty years before Haydn composed the Austrian hymn, in 1779, John Newton, former slave ship captain and author of "Amazing Grace," collaborated with William Cowper in publishing some of their hymns in *Olney Hymns*. Animated by their evangelical piety, they divided the hymnal into three sections: "On Occasional Subjects" (poems relating to specific events or seasons); "On the Progress and Changes of the Spiritual Life" (writings containing some autobiographical verses by Cowper); and "On Select Texts of Scripture" ("**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**" is included in this section). The hymn's original title was "Zion; or, The City of God" and referenced Isaiah 33:20-21: "*Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tabernacle, whose stakes will never be plucked up, nor will any of its cords be broken. But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can pass.*" Newton built the hymn around several biblical passages, starting with Psalm 87:3: "*Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.*"

Carl Bernhard Garve (1763-1841) was born in Jeinsen near Hanover, Germany. He was educated at Moravian schools and appointed one of the tutors at these schools. "**Your Word, O Lord, Is Gentle Dew**" is his most well-known hymn. Each stanza describes a different aspect of God's Word. 1) "*Your Word, O Lord, is gentle dew to suff'ring hearts that want it;*" 2) "*Your Word is like a flaming sword, a sharp and mighty arrow,*" 3) "*Your Word, a wondrous star, supplies true guidance when we need it;*" And its primary purpose – "*It points to Christ and so makes wise All simple hearts that heed it.*" It is set to the Danish tune *Af Himlens* (of Heaven).

### This Week's Calendar

Feb. 13	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Reach-Out Cmte.	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 15	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Finance Cmte	6:00pm
Feb. 16	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Worship Cmte.	6:30pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Feb. 17	Mission Study Team	3:00pm
	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

### Looking Ahead

Feb. 20	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Deacons Comte	9:00am
	C.S. Lewis Adult SS (Led by Doug Marshall)	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
Feb. 21	Presidents' Day	
Feb. 22	Bible Study	1:00pm
Feb. 23	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Feb. 24	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm

CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, February 21.  
[secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org](mailto:secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org)

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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