

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
February 27, 2022



*** Glory Be To The Father** #813

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 Christus Paradox (Fedak) Chancel Choir

Scripture Mark 9:2-13

Sermon The Road to Glory Leads Down

*** Hymn of Response** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus #352

***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.

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True Rippen

*** 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** Shine, Jesus, Shine #431

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** Shine, Jesus, Shine (refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

*** Postlude** Fugue in G Bach

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. There will not be Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service today.

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 Grace Profile 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.

GCPC Website – Don't forget to check out our website: gracecommunitypresbyertian.org. The website is updated weekly with current information.

The Nursery is Reopening Soon!!! We are recruiting volunteers to work in the nursery, with two workers at a time. We will assist you in obtaining clearances. Please contact Bill Ludwig or Cathy Vitari. We are also updating the nursery. If you have a changing table, crib / pack n play or toys that meet current safety standards, please let us know. These will be cleaned routinely.

TODAY'S MUSIC: "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" is subtitled "**Christus Paradox**" by its author, Sylvia Dunstan. The verses explore and powerfully portray the paradox of being both human and divine. The text presents paradoxical images of Christ such as *lamb and shepherd, clothed in light and stripped of might, shining in glory and beggar'd by a soldier's toss, earthly Jesus and cosmic Christ, worthy in defeat and worthy in victory, gift and cost and our death and our life.*

Dunstan (1955-1993) attributes her love of song to her grandparents, who kept song alive in the family and entrusted Sylvia's formal musical education to one of the nun's at a local convent. She began writing songs but related that these "are now under a well-deserved and merciful curtain of oblivion." It wasn't long before she met Sister Miriam Theresa Winter, who took her to the next step of writing songs based on Scripture. Sylvia eventually realized that her talents did not lie with the music and concentrated instead on the lyrics. "Congregational resistance to unfamiliar tunes led me to use the hymn book tunes as the vehicle for the texts."

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" was written by Johann Heermann (1585-1647). In his early adult life he had six peaceful years, happy in his work, his marriage, and his literary labors. But in 1617 his troubles began. First came the death of his wife, followed by the failure of his own health, which caused him great suffering throughout his life. Then came the distressing times of the Thirty Years' War. His hometown was plundered four times, was devastated by fire, and later by pestilence. Twice he was nearly sabred; and once, while crossing the Oder in a frail boat, he heard the bullets of the pursuing soldiers whistle just over his head.

He bore it all with courage and patience. In the midst of these trials he wrote his beautiful hymns of "*Cross and Consolation.*" The section entitled "*Songs of Tears. In the time of the persecution and distress of pious Christians*" contains some of his most beautiful hymns, including the hymn used for today's offertory.

*O Christ, our light, O Radiance true,
Shine forth on those estranged from you,
And bring them to your home again,
Where their delight shall never end.*

*Make theirs with ours a single voice
Uplifted, ever to rejoice
With wondering gratitude and praise
To you, O Lord, for boundless grace.*

This Week's Calendar

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| Feb. 27 | Sunday School (all ages) | 9:00am |
| | Youth Group (Jr & High School age) | 6:00pm |
| | Chicken Pot Pie Dinner | 5:00pm |
| Feb. 28 | Session Mtg. | 7:00pm |
| March 1 | Bible Study | 1:00pm |
| March 2 | Ash Wednesday | |
| | Cub Scouts Den Mtg. | 6:00pm |
| | Choir | 7:00pm |
| March 3 | Cub Scouts Den Mtg. | 6:00pm |
| | Ladies Club | 6:30pm |

Looking Ahead

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| March 6 | Sunday School (all ages) | 9:00am |
| | Youth Group (Jr & High School age) | 6:00pm |
| March 7 | CS Pack Cmte. Mtg. | 6:45pm |
| March 8 | Bible Study | 1:00pm |
| | Garden Club | 6:30pm |
| March 9 | Choir | 7:00pm |
| | CS Pack Mtg. | |
| March 10 | CE Mtg. | 3:00pm |

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
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Worship Service is at 10:00am

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