

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
March 27, 2022

APOSTLES' CREED

I Believe in Jesus Christ...

Comma - Suffered Under
Pontius Pilate

Thought for Meditation:

Q: What do you understand by this little word “suffered”?

A: That all the time of his (Jesus’) life here on earth, but especially the end thereof (the cross), he bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.”

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 37

Prelude Voluntary on Two Hymns Young

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship John 8:12 Cathy Brady

L: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world!”

P: “Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.”

L: Those who follow Jesus will have the Light of life.

P: The Light shines in the darkness of our world.

L: Let us praise the One who breaks the darkness.

*** Hymn of Praise** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness #293

Prayer of Confession

L: O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

P: Teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

L: Send out your light, send out your truth,

P: Let them lead us to our home.

L: Take from us the weight of our sin,

P: That room might be made for the spirit of truth.

L: Let your truth set our spirits free,

P: That we might live faithful and abundant lives.

L: In the silence of this moment, let us confess our sins.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness Psalm 130:7-8

L: O people of God, put your hope in the LORD,

P: For with the LORD is unfailing love and full redemption.

L: God will redeem Israel from all their sins.

P: Let us celebrate the good news;

L: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* 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** #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 10,000 Reasons (Redman) Chancel Choir

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. There will be Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Your host(s) will be Stephanie Tutka.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Some of our favorite hymns are about the cross: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," "Were You There?" "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross." However, what difference did Jesus' death on the cross really make? Does Jesus' cross impact our lives? Join the Adult Sunday school class as Doug Marshall leads a discussion about the atonement – Jesus death on the cross. **Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the library, March 20, March 27, April 3 and April 10.**

GRACE CHURCH FOCUS GROUPS: Part of the Interim Process is getting feedback and comments from the members of the congregation. The Grace Profile Team has scheduled a number of small group gatherings for you to share your ideas and dreams for the future of Grace Community Presbyterian Church. We have scheduled a variety of times for the groups, so that as many people as possible can participate. These gatherings should take between 60 and 90 (max) minutes. Please sign up (in the Narthex) for one of the following Focus Groups:

- Tuesday, March 29 @ 6:30, in the library
- Thursday, March 31 @ 2:00 PM, in the library
- Sunday, April 3 @ 11:15ish (after worship), in Cana Lounge
- Tuesday, April 12 @ 6:30 PM, in the library
- Wednesday, April 13 @ 2:00 PM, in the library

DISASTER RELIEF FOR UKRAINE: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is collecting funds to support sibling churches and partners who are already providing basic items for survival to displaced people from Ukraine. Grace Church will take a special collection from now until Sunday, April 10th to send to PDA to support Ukraine. If donating by check, please make check out to GCPC indicate "Ukraine" on the memo line; if donating with cash, please place in an offering envelope and write "Ukraine" on the outside. Thank you!

GREETERS NEEDED: Beginning Palm Sunday we will start having Greeters at the door. Paul & Judy Sulitz will be greeting on Palm Sunday, and Gary and Jackie Chickerella will be greeting on Easter Sunday. If you are interested volunteering to be a Greeter, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The church is the body of believers , not a building. Nikolai Grundtvig wrote “**Built on the Rock**” to make that point – we are not “a temple made of hands” but rather “God’s house of living stones” built on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. “We may gather with our King” in the lowliest of buildings because it is His truth that hallows the temple.

Nikolai Grundtvig was born September 8, 1783, in Udby, Denmark. His father was one of the few Lutheran pastors who had remained faithful to the evangelical truth which was being threatened by Rationalism. Therefore, Grundtvig was brought up in a household where the spirit of true Christian piety reigned. While attending the University of Copenhagen, he came under the influence of "New Theology", and gave up his aspirations to become a minister, lost all interest in religion, and completed his education "without spirit and without faith." It was not long, though, before Grundtvig began to see the spiritual poverty of the people, and his return to faith began.

In 1810, Grundtvig's ailing father asked him to be his assistant. Grundtvig agreed and began preparing for the ministry. In his probation sermon, "Why has the Lord's Word disappeared from His House?", and which was preached before censors, he blasted the prevailing spirit of rationalism among the Danish clergy. In it, he announced that the Word of God had departed from its house in the Danish church. He went on to charge that secularism had corrupted the church by making human beings so proud that they felt they could discover the truth without the aid of Holy Scripture. Not surprisingly, the sermon annoyed the ecclesiastical authorities, especially his own bishop who vetoed Grundtvig’s assignment to his home congregation.

Grundtvig's career was at times stormy and controversial. His theological positions were often challenged, but in spite of this, he was able to infuse new spiritual life into a spiritually depleted Church. Grundtvig's strongest hymns dealt with the Church and the Sacraments. His hymns constantly emphasized the Word of God as the one and only rule and guide for the believer.

Grundtvig's deep love of beauty and culture also drew him into the realms of history and education. Grundtvig was renowned as a translator of Old English mythology. It is a little known fact that J.R.R. Tolkien often spoke of the Dane as one of his chief inspirations and influences. Grundtvig also pioneered the "folk school" movement. His leadership helped to bring about the establishment of free public high schools for the masses in 1844, and the peaceful introduction of parliamentary government (retaining the monarchy) in 1849.

This Week's Calendar

March 27 - April 2

Sunday	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Session & Deacon's Meeting	11:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
Monday	Session Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
	GCPC Focus Group	6:30pm
Wednesday	CS Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
	CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, March 28. secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org	
Thursday	GCPC Focus Group	2:00pm
	CS Den Meeting	6:00pm

Looking Ahead

April 3	Adult Sunday School	9:00am
	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	GCPC Focus Group	After worship
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
April 5	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
April 6	Choir	7:00pm
April 7	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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