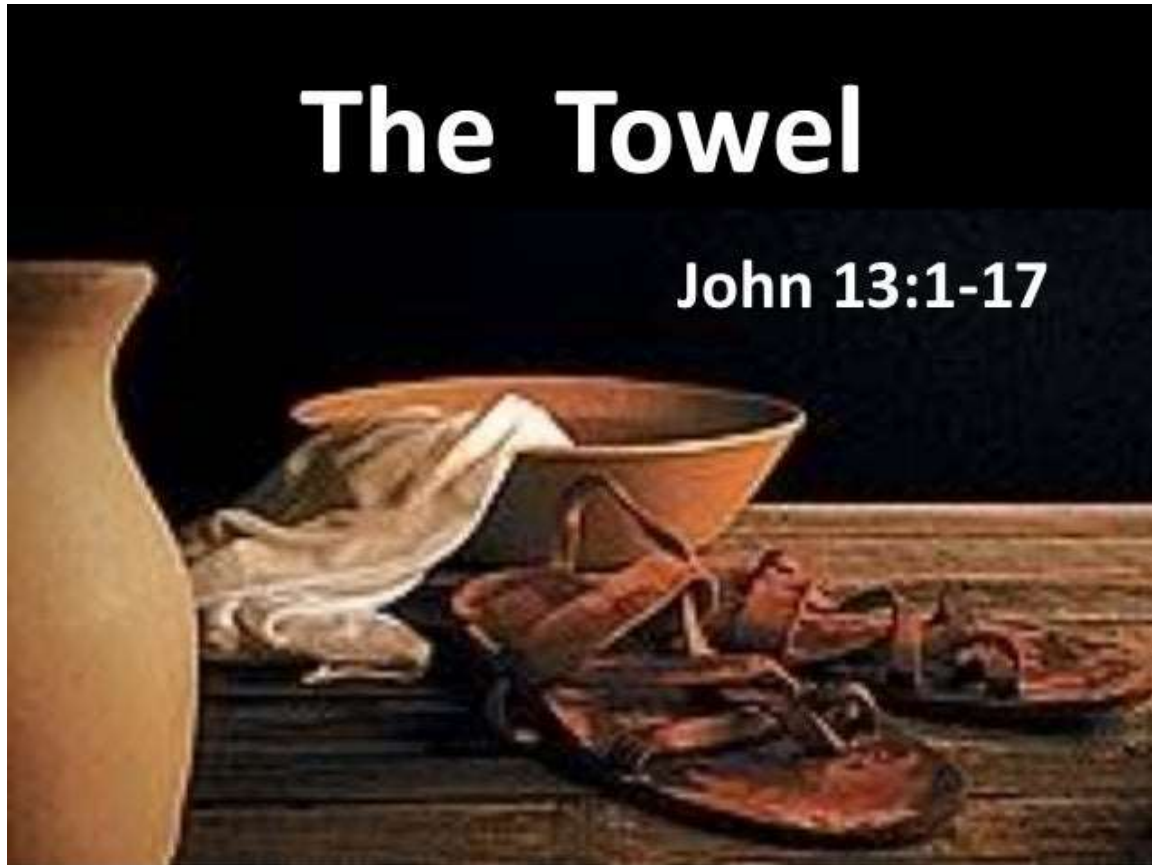


*Grace Community Presbyterian Church*  
*March 5 2023*



**Thought for Meditation:**

Don't wash their feet, Jesus. Tell them to wash yours. That's' what we want to say. Why? Because of the injustice? Because we don't want to see our King behaving as a servant? God on his hands and knees, his hair hanging around his face? Do we object because we don't want to see God washing feet? Or do we object because we don't want to do the same? *Max Lucado*

Prelude Improvisation on "Aberystwyth" Huston

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

\* Call To Worship Revelation 5:13 Glenn Nordmark

L: Every creature in all creation joins together,

**P: Every creature under the earth and on the sea,**

L: Every creature joins in singing praise:

**P: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb**

**Be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

L: Let us join our voices to glorify the King of kings, the Lamb of God.

**P: Let us join our voices to glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.**

\* Hymn of Praise We Will Glorify #105

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silent Prayer of Confession...*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**P: Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

L: Jesus, Lord of the universe, set us free from sin.

**P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.**

L: Believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: 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

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51:1-12 (page 492)

Anthem Arise, My Soul, Arise (Forrest) Chancel Choir

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears; The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: 'Forgive him, O forgive,' they cry, 'Nor let that ransomed sinner die!'

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear: With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, my soul, arise.

**New Testament Lesson** John 13:1-17 (page 937)

**Sermon** The Towel Is On the Table

**\* Hymn of Response** Just As I Am (v1,2,4) #488

**\*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 to 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.

### Call for Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory** Elevation Guilmant

**\* Doxology** Praise and Honor Regent Square  
Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One;

### \* Prayer of Dedication

**\* Hymn of Preparation** In Remembrance #461

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**\* Hymn of Dedication** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #665

### \* Charge and Benediction

**\* Congregational Response** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (v1) #665  
O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free.  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

**\* Postlude** Toccata Brilliante Bock

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

## Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Gary & Judy Barbiaux will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship today. Dan and Teresa Howard will be your host.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The **Operation Christmas Child** item for the month of March is **Soap & Washcloths/Toothbrushes**. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 11 so you are on time for church Sunday, March 12.** While some people love gaining the extra hour of afternoon daylight, most do not enjoy losing the extra sleep. **When you change your clock, don't forget to change your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries!**



### Announcing Staff Appreciation Day

The staff at Grace Church works hard to give us the very best spiritual life. Most of us never get to see how much they do for us. The music doesn't get selected and rehearsed, the phones answered, Bulletins and CrossCurrents printed, the youth activities set up, the building cleaned, and tables set up for our dinners without the day to day work behind the scenes.

The Staff Appreciation Social is our chance to recognize the work and thank the servants of God who are also our staff. To each of them, their job is much more than a job, it is a mission. None of them has received a raise over the past years. Bill Ludwig has taken a substantial pay cut this year. Our gratitude is a major part of their salaries.

As a part of this celebration/recognition, we are asking the congregation to write notes of thanks to our employees. Starting Sunday, March 11, there will be a basket in the narthex to deposit these thank-you notes. It will be there through Sunday, March 26. Also, if you feel inclined to include a gift with your note, we are sure it will be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendar for the Grace Church Fellowship and Nurture Committee Staff Appreciation Social in Canna Hall. This will be held immediately after the regular Sunday worship service on Sunday March 26. This social is in place of Coffee Fellowship.

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve



individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with

safety, sustenance and hope. Today, Grace Church will begin the 2023 campaign. You may donate to One Great Hour of Sharing through the envelope in your offering envelope box, the envelope in the pew, or if you would like to take home a fish bank, they are located on the table in the Narthex. Please return your fish bank on Palm Sunday (April 2). Thank you!

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** We hear two great hymns by Charles Wesley, one as the prelude, the second from the choir.

**Aberystwyth** is a dramatic and powerful hymn tune by Welsh composer Joseph Parry (1841-1903), a perfect tune for Charles Wesley's equally powerful hymn "**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**" (#710 in our hymnal). "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was originally called "In Time of Prayer and Temptation." When one meditates on this hymn it seems his title is an understatement. He begins with the storm-tossed soul seeking shelter from the raging tempest of life. It describes Christ as the only refuge who can "cover my defenseless head," reminding us of Psalms 17 and 91. Once safe within the refuge the helpless soul is confronted with his own sin in light of the holiness of Christ – "just and holy is thy name...false and full of sin I am." And finally the answer: "plenteous grace with thee is found."

Wesley's hymn, "**Arise, My Soul, Arise**," is wonderfully set to music by Dan Forrest. It focuses on the assurance we find in Christ's sacrifice for us, his forgiveness of our sins, and his continual intercession with the Father on our behalf. Wesley alludes to numerous Scripture passages, many from the book of Hebrews, including 10:19-23: "*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience.*" Also Romans 8:34, "*Christ Jesus ... is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*" Wesley reminds us to shake off our guilty fears because Jesus stands for us before the throne of God. Having atoned for all of our sins, He now intercedes for us. The Father hears Him pray for us and we are reconciled, not because of anything we could have done, but because of the blood of Christ shed for each of us. We can draw near to Him without any fear. Then we can join in singing, "Father, Abba, Father."

### This Week's Calendar

March 5 -11

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship/Communion	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	6:45pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday	Christian Ed Meeting	3:00pm
Saturday	<b>Turn your clocks forward one hour</b>	

**before you go to bed on Saturday night, so you are on time for church Sunday, March 12**

### Looking Ahead

March 12 - March 18

March 12	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
March 13	Mission Meeting	6:30pm
March 14	Bible Study	1:00pm
	Garden Club	6:30pm
March 15	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
March 16	Ladies Club	6:30pm

**CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Henry Kedzierski  
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Cathy Vitari (clerk)

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Judy Barbiaux  
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Beulah Brown  
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