

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
April 3, 2022

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe in Jesus Christ...

Crucified, Dead Buried;
Descended

Thought for Meditation: In the cross is salvation, in the cross is life, in the cross is protection against our enemies, in the cross is infusion of heavenly sweetness, in the cross is strength of mind, in the cross joy of spirit, in the cross the height of virtue, in the cross the perfection of sanctity. There is no salvation of the soul, nor hope of everlasting life, but in the cross. *Thomas a Kempis*

Prelude Jesus, Lover of My Soul Young

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship 1 Chronicles 16:8-10 Jackie Chickerella

L: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

P: Make known among the nations what God has done.

L: Sing to God, sing praise!

P: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

L: Glory in God's holy name;

P: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

L: Grace Church, let us sing our praises to Christ, our King!

*** Hymn of Praise** Come, Christians, Join to Sing #225

Prayer of Confession

Forgive our sins, O Lord. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret sins and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us Lord, because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord... *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 53:4-5

L: Surely Jesus took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

P: We considered him stricken by God, struck down and afflicted by God.

L: He was pierced for our transgressions,

P: He was crushed for our iniquities;

L: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

P: By his wounds we are healed.

L: Believe the good news of Jesus Christ;

P: We are forgiven and freed from the power of sin!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* 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 Thy Matchless Love (Fedak) Chancel Choir

Scripture Mark 15:22-39 (Page 885)
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Page 991)

Sermon Crucified, Dead, Buried, Descended

***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.

*** Hymn of Response** When I Survey / The Wonderful Cross See Insert

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus Stow

*** 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 Preparation** Come to the Table #464

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*** Hymn of Dedication** O How I Love Jesus #92

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** O How I Love Jesus #92

O how I love Jesus! O how I love Jesus!

O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!

*** Postlude** Toccata on "In the Cross" Cherwien

*** PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

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, 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:

- 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!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & GREETERS NEEDED: Don't forget to sign up to volunteer to be a coffee fellowship host and/or a Greeter. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks in advance.

TODAY'S OFFERTORY: 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). Parry's family emigrated to the United States in 1854, when he was 13, and he became an ironworker in Danville, Pennsylvania. There was a large Welsh community there and he became involved in strengthening Welsh culture locally. He returned to Great Britain and studied music in London and at the University of Cambridge. In 1873 he became Professor of Music at the University of Wales in Aberystwyth.

"**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. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" 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."

Thy Matchless Love using an ancient Greek hymn, translated by Scottish Presbyterian minister John Brownlie (1857-1925).

Let thy blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious body broken, be to me, O gracious Lord, of thy boundless love the token. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live; blessed Lord, thou camest to save me; all that love of God could give Jesus by his sorrows gave me. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound and the nailing, by the pain and death I now claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my penitence I give thee; thou art my exalted King, of thy matchless love forgive me. Thou didst give thyself for me, now I give myself to thee.

This Week's Calendar

April 3 - April 9

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| Sunday | Adult Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Sunday School (all ages) | 9:00am |
| | GCPC Focus Group | After worship |
| | Youth Group (Jr & High School age) | 6:00pm |
| Tuesday | Bible Study | 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | CS Den Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | Choir | 7:00pm |
| Thursday | Cub Scouts Den Meeting | 6:00pm |
| | Ladies Club | 6:30pm |
| Saturday | Children's Easter Event | 10:00am |

Looking Ahead

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| April 10 | Adult Sunday School | 9:00am |
| | Sunday School (all ages) | 9:00am |
| | Deacon's Committee Meeting | 9:00am |
| | Reach Out Committee Meeting | 9:00am |
| | Youth Group (Jr & High School age) | 6:00pm |
| April 11 | Mission Committee Meeting | 6:30pm |
| | Cub Scouts Committee Meeting | 6:45pm |
| April 12 | Bible Study | 1:00pm |
| | Garden Club | 6:30pm |
| April 13 | Choir | 7:00pm |
| | Cub Scouts Pack Meeting | 7:00pm |
| April 14 | CE Committee Meeting | 3:00pm |
| | Maundy Thursday Service | 7:30pm |
| April 15 | GOOD FRIDAY | |

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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