

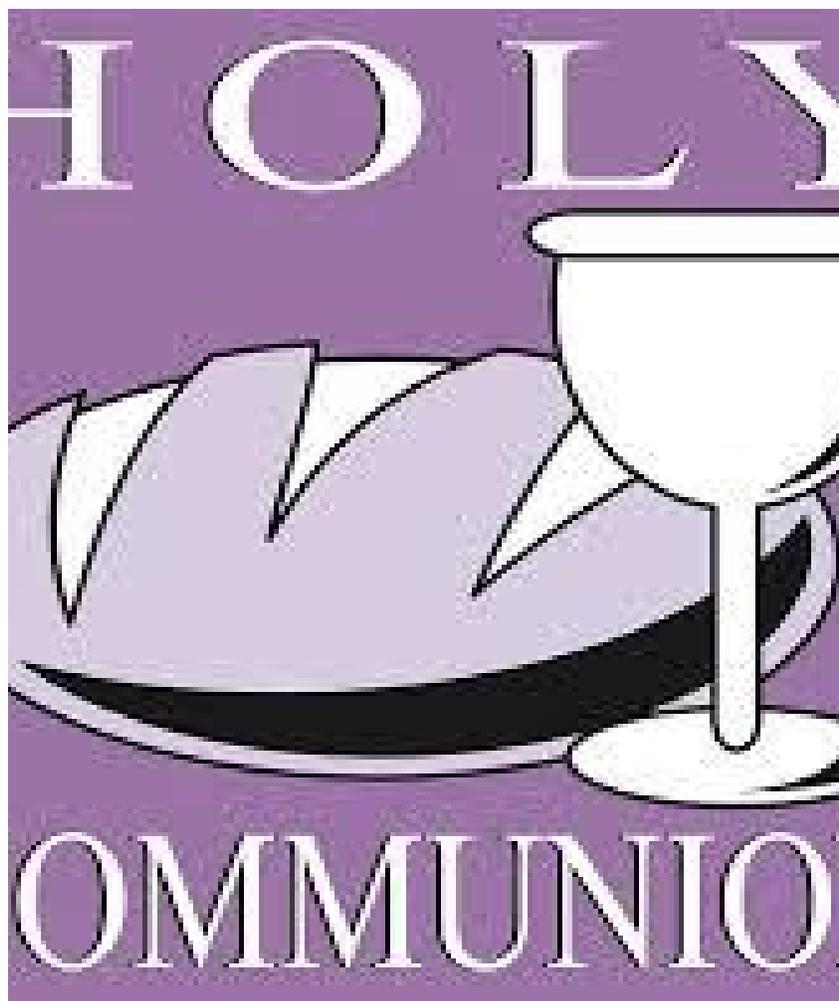
Grace Presbyterian Church

3 April 2022

9:30am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!
We Celebrate the Lord's Supper*



The Lord's Supper

Celebration of the Lord's Supper WE GATHER

Prayer Candles

Before worship take time to pray and light a candle at the communion table

Prelude Vince DiMura
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We encounter God in long-term friendships and also in strangers
we may lock eyes on within a crowd.

**We encounter God in moments of great joy and in
moments of unbearable pain.**

We encounter God in outrageous laughter and in times of
deep quietness.

**We encounter God on mountaintops, in raging rivers, in
bustling city streets, and in quiet forests.**

We encounter God in the works of art, in the beauty of a poem, in
the stillness of prayer, in the music of a concert, and in the
singing of a hymn

**And God encounters us, inviting us into a relationship of
love and nourishment.**

Come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN # 769

For Everyone Born

PRAYERS OF APPROACH and Confession

God, we think about the concerns of our world and the
condition of our souls.

**We are so fearful and fractured in our relationships, both
near and far.**

Out of the depths of our souls, we cry to you,
In times of need, doubt and fear, sorrow and loneliness,
pain and powerlessness.

In silence, we consider the ways in which we harm ourselves,
others, and our world.

**In our hearts, we name the concerns and cares that keep
us separated from you and from one another.**

Silence

In the depth of our despair,
Marked by sin and shortcomings,
You hear our voices and attend to our cries.

**You meet us with forgiveness and steadfast love.
Even in the depths of despair, we can wait in confidence,
trusting that you are journeying with us from darkness to
light.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD WITH US

We Encounter the life-giving grace of God as we make
amends, ask forgiveness, and seek restoration.

In this act of faith, we find peace and are restored to life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

HYMN OF PRAISE #396: **Brethern, We Have Met to Worship**

WE REFLECT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we read, listen and reflect on the scriptures,

May the words of my mouth
**And the meditation of all of our hearts,
Be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock, and our Redeemer.
Amen.**

A Time for Children and the Young at Heart

SCRIPTURE READING:

OT Scripture

1 Kings 19: 1 - 8

A First-Person Sermon "I, Elijah" Rev. Donald M. Pitches

Hymn of Praise #410 **God is Calling through the Whisper**

WE RESPOND

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

Invitation:

There are many gifts in our congregation!
We are kind, welcoming, hospitable, and creative.
There are so many varied gifts and talents, a great
mosaic of God-given abilities
**Let us bring our gifts to God,
both the gifts that we place in the offering plate,
And as we use the unique skills that God has given
each of us to heal the world.**

Musical Interlude: Vince DiMura

*Doxology, Hymn no. 709

**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessing.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Faithful and Generous God,

may all who benefit from these gifts, the gift of our lives of worship and service, and your love in Christ know they have encountered the living grace of God.

Thanks to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained the church during these difficult times. Plates are available in the sanctuary to receive your offering.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation:

Unison Affirmation of Faith: Page 38 Glory to God Hymnal

Brief Statement of Faith (section 4)

4 *We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new

heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Hymn of Invitation # 527 **Eat This Bread**

Words of Institution: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

The scriptures tell us that Jesus was having a meal with his friends.

During the meal, he took the bread and broke it.

Then he said, This bread is my body, broken for you.

After the meal, he took the cup.

And he said, this cup is my blood, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Risen Lord, until he comes again.

"All of you eat of it". The Bread is eaten

"All of you, drink of it". We drink from the Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Spirit of the Living God, live with us here in this community and in our hearts, so that we may show your love and live as your people.

We ask for your blessing on this simple meal.

Help us to share it with gladness in our hearts.

Having remembered you, we will be strengthened to be your life and love in the world.

As we share this wine and this bread it gives us fuel and strengthens us to share God's love in our world.

For this meal, for this community, for our friends, for your

presence always with us, we give you thanks and seal these prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us, saying;

**“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.”**

Prayer before departing;

Ever-present God, in sharing this meal together, we have been reminded again that you do not leave us on our own.

In the pain of this world, you are with us.

In the joy of this world, you are with us.

This meal has nourished us; may it make us stronger in our love for you and each other.

**Since you are always with us, O Lord, we can imagine and
shape the world to be a better place. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. It is to this peace that we are called as members of the Body of Christ.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

(Make a sign of the Peace of Christ one to another.)

WE ARE SENT

*CLOSING HYMN #523: **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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