

# Grace Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

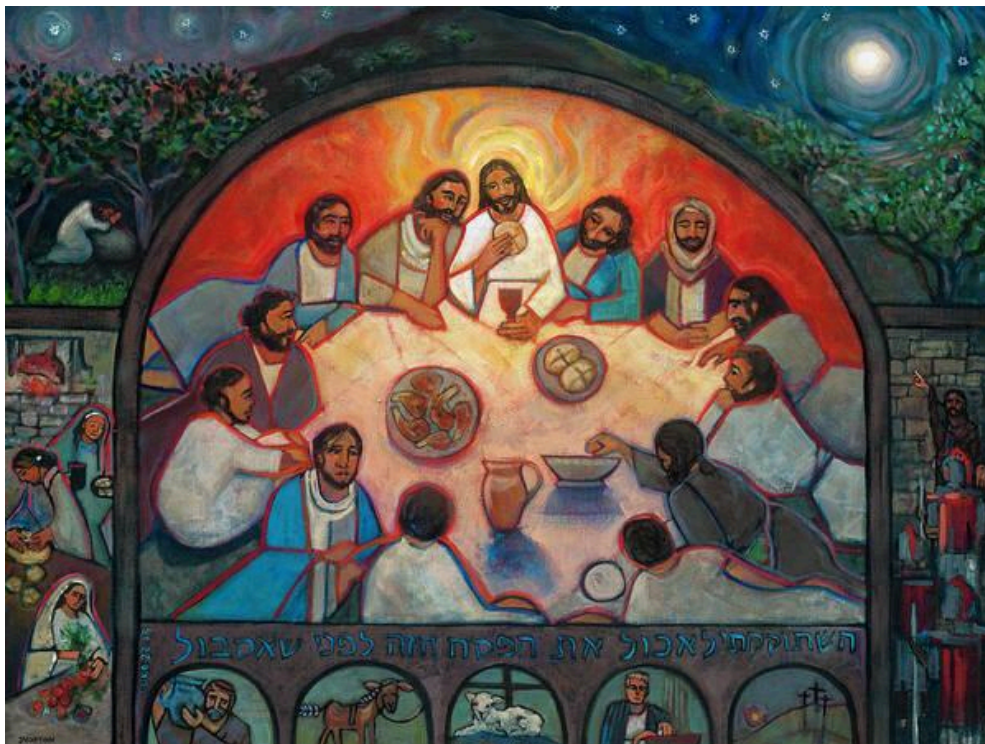
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## VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
beliefs,  
and those who are cognitively  
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,  
**each one engaged in ministry,  
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,  
and embodying God's love for the world.**



## **Prayer Candles**

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

### **We Gather**

PRELUDE

*Vince DiMura*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Call to Worship

- O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- O give thanks to the God who struck Egypt through their firstborn, and brought Israel out from among them,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- O give thanks to God with a strong hand and outstretched arm, divided the Red Sea in two, and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**
- O give thanks to God who overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, who led his people through the wilderness,  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever;**

\*Hymn #53 "O God, Who Gives Us Life"

#### Prayer of Confession

**Surely.**

**I would never betray you, never deny you.  
Surely?**

**Beloved,  
give me the faith to doubt  
my righteousness.**

**Give me the assurance to question,  
to examine myself honestly,  
to ask for your help.**

**Give me the confidence to wonder  
how I might betray your perfect love,  
to see how I have fallen short.**

**Give me grace to confess  
How promises are broken,  
my heart aches for forgiveness.**

**Give me the peace to be troubled  
by my smugness,  
and repent.**

~ written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on Unfolding

Words of Assurance

Open your eyes to see that God sees,  
God knows, and knowing,  
God keeps right on loving you.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Hymn #844 "Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me" vs 1& 3,  
(please stay seated)

**We Reflect**

Prayer for Understanding

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 14:12-25

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 14:26-31

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Paton

\*Hymn #220 "Go to Dark Gethsemane:

**We Respond**  
MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

*Vince DiMura*

Prayer of Dedication

*(Thank you to all those whose contributions and offerings sustain the mission and ministry of our church. You may give online by visiting the church website or arranging for recurring donations with your online banking).*

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)  
Lord, in your mercy/in thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Mother,**

**who is in heaven and within us,  
we call upon your names.  
Your wisdom come.  
Your will be done  
in all the spaces in which you dwell.  
Give us each day  
sustenance and perseverance.  
Remind us of our limits  
as we give grace to the limits of others.  
Separate us from the temptation of empire,  
and deliver us into community.  
For you are the dwelling place  
within us,  
the empowerment around us  
and the celebration among us,  
now and forever. Amen.**

—Yolanda Norton

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #250 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

### \*Charge and Benediction

Inspire our hearts, O God,  
to follow where Christ walked,  
for Christ has marked us as his own.  
Let us all take new willingness  
to carry our cross  
and be led through sacrifice and suffering,  
but also to the glory and triumph  
of the Risen Life of the Savior.  
Grant us all your good graces,  
through Christ our Lord Amen.

~ from At the Foot of the Cross, posted on the Catholic Sensibility website.

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

*(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)*

POSTLUDE

**\*Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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