

Grace Presbyterian Church

10 April 2022

9:30am

Palm Sunday

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!*



We Gather

MOMENT OF PAUSE

Think about the gifts of love you have received or given to others in the past year.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We gather in the presence of God,
the creator of sand and stars:

ready to worship.

We gather in the presence of Christ,
our guide for setting a table of welcome:

ready to worship.

We gather in the presence of the Spirit,
our inspiration for moving beyond fear:

ready to worship.

We gather together in grace:

ready to worship.

HYMN*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 196

OPENING PRAYER²

O God, you are the giver of wonderful things. You gave us life. You have filled our lives with family and friends. You lavish us with your grace. You have given us this day to add to the many we have shared. And you have given us Jesus. Help us grow in our understanding and

¹ Seasons of the Spirit- March 27, 2022

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appreciation of just how much you love us, and open our hearts that our worship this day might be an act of praise and thanksgiving for all you have done for us. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION³

Gracious God,

you call us to live with compassion,

yet sometimes we show indifference.

You call us to revise our assumptions,

yet sometimes we remain stuck in our ways.

You call us to cultivate hope,

yet sometimes we focus on despair.

You call us to seek reconciliation,

yet sometimes we turn toward conflict

(silence for reflection)

Renew us, we pray,

and lead us on a path of transformation.

Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

Friends, God's grace is freely given to us,

and we are unbound from our guilt and fear.

We are a forgiven people.

Hear this good news and believe!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made

to love one another in unity and grace.

Peace be with you!

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And also with you.

We Reflect

A TIME FOR CHILDREN & THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

**Dear God, let us not only hear of you
but see you with our own eyes through your
Word. May we also experience your presence
by the Holy Spirit.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE OT SCRIPTURE Psalm 118:1-4,19-29
Leader odd verses. Congregation even verses

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

3 Let the house of Aaron say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

4 Let those who fear the Lord say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

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We Respond

HYMN*

Filled With Excitement

No. 199

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

We live in the wonderful reality of God's promise. We live in the joyous hope of God's new day. Let us give thanks to God as we share our gifts and make an offering.

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. You can give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation Vince DiMura

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication^{*7}

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We offer our gifts this day with gratitude.

Through them, may hope come to those who know despair, may love come to those who feel alone,

may healing come to those who endure pain.

May these gifts be a sign of our commitment to serve you in the world. **Amen.**

We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMN* *You Who Dwell in the Shelter* No. 43

BENEDICTION*

My sisters and brothers:
go forth into a world
that is beloved by God.
Bless it with your compassion.
Renew it with hope.
In every step you take
may you feel anew
the peace of Christ,
the promise of the Spirit,
and the presence of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

****Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit.***

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