

Grace Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026

Lent 5

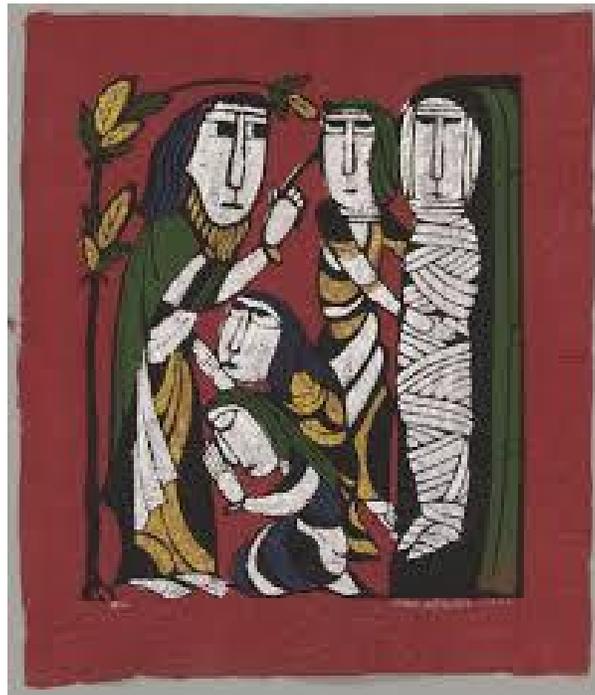
9:30 am

Welcome /VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, 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.**



“Lazarus, come out!”

Prayer Candles

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

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Call to Worship

Holy God, Creator of Life,

you call us out of our dark places,

offering us the grace of new life.

When we see nothing but hopelessness,

you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Call us out of our complacency and routines,

set us free from our self-imposed bonds,

and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.

~ written by Nancy Johnson,
posted on Wonderings through life and other such nonsense

*Hymn #22 "God of the Sparrow"

Call to Confession

Let us come to God with humble and open hearts,
trusting God's love to heal and redeem us...

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom,

we confess the foolishness of our ways,

and our failure to follow you

in your paths of right relationships –

**with you and with others.
We have gone astray; we feel lost.
We have upheld our own interests first,
to the detriment of others.
We have failed to be generous with the poor,
and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.
We feel the stains of our sins, God;
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
Wash the sinfulness out of us,
and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.
We seek your unfailing Lordship
and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.
You are the immortal, invisible One;
to you be honour and glory forever; amen.**

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Words of Assurance (based on Romans 8:1-4)

Brothers and sisters,
there is now no condemnation
for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

**For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us
from the power of sin that leads to death.**

So be at peace.

Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #439 "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"
(Please stay seated and sing vs. 1 and 6)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

God of our lives

gently touch us
with your Word and Spirit
Bring warmth and comfort
restoration and wholeness
into fractured lives and souls. Amen.

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.
Modified by Debbie

Reader' Theater for John 11:1-45

A time for Children and the Young in heart

SERMON

*Hymn #833 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving,

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

*Hymn #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

*Charge and Benediction

Come out! Jesus commands,

**And calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.**

Come out! Jesus cries,

And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

Come out! Jesus calls,

**And entices us into a world filled with grace and
possibility.**

So:Go out!

Into a world that longs for life,

Sharing your breath and your spirit!

Go out!

Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,

carried on our lips and in our loving arms.

Go out!

Into the world to live as God's restored people!

**We go enlivened by the very breath of God's holy
wind!**

~ from Come Out! On the Breath of God,
written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley. Modified by Debbie

*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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