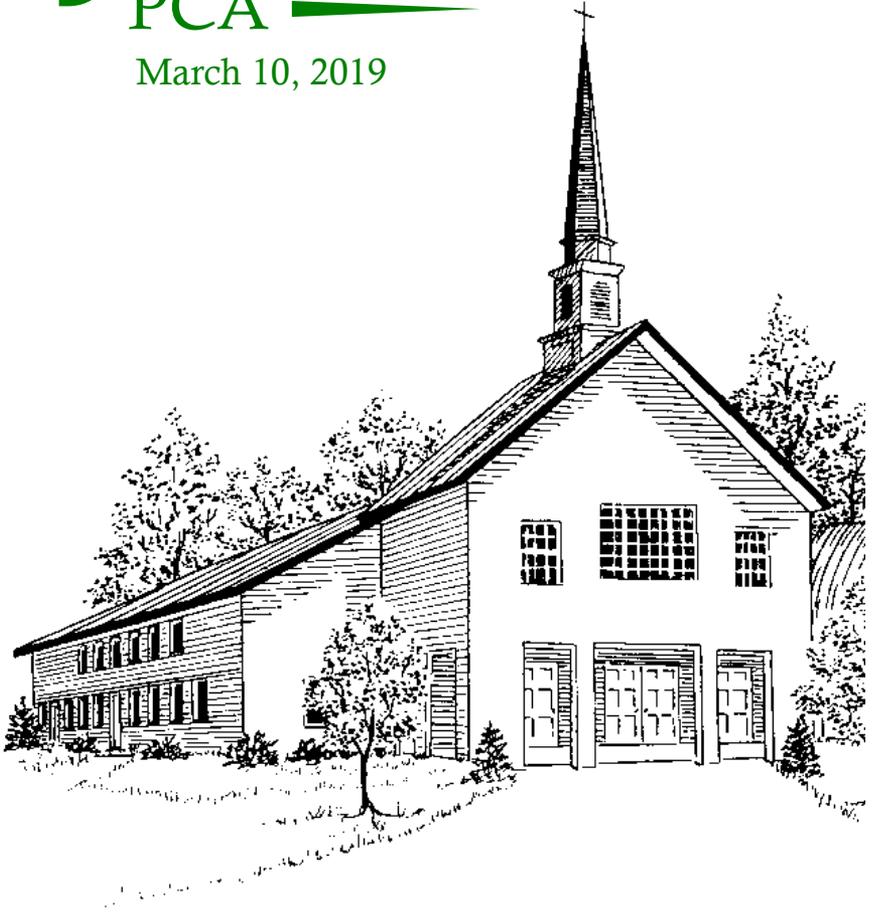


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WORSHIPING TOGETHER ON THE LORD'S DAY

Welcome -

We're so glad you are here. Please visit our welcome counter for information about Grace. If you should need assistance, our ushers are happy to help you.

Hearing Assistance -

Devices are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

For Children -

Bulletins: Your children are always welcome to stay in the service with you. We have provided children's bulletins in the narthex to help our younger worshippers follow along.

Nursery: Nursery is available throughout the worship time for children, birth through three years old, in the back of the building in room 114.

Children's Church: During the sermon, there is a worship service for children ages three through first grade in room 122. They will be dismissed at the proper time.

Extra Help for Parents -

Should you need to step out with your child, there is a nursing mothers room in the back of the building to the left. Audio of the service is available in the narthex.

Guiding People from Curious to Mission
through the Gospel and Community

Grace is a congregation of the
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Meditation

"[Lamentations] speaks first of God's judgments; secondly, to exhort the people to repentance; thirdly, to encourage them to hope; and lastly to open the door for prayer to God, so that the people in their extremities might venture to see God's mercy."

-John Calvin

What is Lent?

Lent is the 40 days of praying and fasting that leads to Easter.

Just like Advent is a season of waiting that prepares us for Christmas, Lent is a season of waiting for Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. So what do we "do" during this season? Really, the main purposes of Lent are repentance, self-examination, and earnest prayer; practices that invite us to remember our need for a Savior, for Redemption, and for Hope.

Ways that people have historically tried get to that place of earnest prayer are by (1) fasting from some good thing(s) and (2) committing acts of compassion for the least, the lost, and the poor.

*"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline,
so be zealous and repent." -Revelation 3:19*

Prelude

Awana Kids present

WE BELIEVE

Welcome

*Please silence your cell phones. Take a moment to fill out the **Connection Card** inside the bulletin and place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

Worship Leader: Will Cote, Director of Youth Ministry

GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIP

Call to Worship[†]

Isaiah 43:1

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Congregational Songs of Praise[†]

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace;
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

([†] Congregation stands when able.)

OUR GOD

Water You turned into wine, Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus:

***Our God is greater, Our God is stronger,
God, You are higher than any other;
Our God is healer, Awesome in power, our God, our God.***

Into the darkness You shine, Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, None like You.

Chorus

Bridge: (2X)

**And if our God is for us, Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us, Then what could stand against
Then what could stand against**

Chorus

Bridge

Prayer of Adoration[†]

([†] Congregation stands when able.)

LAMENTING DURING LENT

Explanation and Invitation to Lament

During the season of Lent this year, we are going to be meditating on sections of the book of Lamentations. The reason for this is three-fold:

- 1) As we approach Easter, we need to be reminded of our need for a Savior. The Book of Lamentations poetically reminds us of our great need for God's saving mercy by calling us to remember our own brokenness and sin.*
- 2) As we approach Easter, we need to be reminded of our need for Redemption. Christ came to forgive us of our sins, but also to redeem the world from all of its hurts and sorrows. The Book of Lamentations invites us to consider our hurts and our sorrows that have resulted from living in a sinful world and calls us to cry out to God for healing and redemption.*
- 3) As we approach Easter, we need to be reminded of Hope. The Book of Lamentations encourages us that God meets us in the midst of our sin and our sorrows and is the only true source of our hope. Easter is primarily about the hope that Jesus has conquered all of our sins and that he will one day put an end to all of our sorrows.*

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 1:18-20a

The LORD is in the right, for I have rebelled against his word; but hear, all you peoples, and see my suffering; my young women and my young men have gone into captivity. I called to my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and elders perished in the city, while they sought food to revive their strength. Look, O LORD, for I am in distress; my stomach churns; my heart is wrung within me, because I have been very rebellious.

Silent Reflection

Sometimes, we are very aware that the reason for our sorrow is because of our own sin. We are not just sad about the injustices “out there”...we are sad about the injustice inside each of us. The poet of Lamentations says that he has “rebelled” or “transgressed.” He is in internal torment (ESV says his “stomach churns”) over his sin. Which of your sins cause this torment inside of you?

Corporate Prayer of Lament

All: I know that there is an absence in me. I have done things I ought not to have done, and failed to do things I ought to have done. Hear my confession.

Silent Lament

Reminder of Christ’s Love

Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Response of Faith

All: I’m believing today that even though I feel the weight of sin, God is able to see everything and forgive.

YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE) †

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken; I'm accepted, You were condemned; I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me; Because You died and rose again.

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be, that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You, in all I do, may I honor You.

You are my King (4X)

GOD'S PEOPLE LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Ordination of Ruling Elder, Jim Lauerman

Greeting Time and Children's Church†

Children three years old through first grade are invited to come forward and participate in a worship time specially designed for them. If you would prefer, your children are also welcome to stay in the service with you.

Community Matters

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

If you have not done so already, please fill out the Connection Card inside the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

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GOD'S PEOPLE HEAR FROM HIS WORD

Song of Preparation[†]

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths
its flow, May richer fuller be.

O light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flickering torch
to Thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sun-
shine's blaze its day, May brighter fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart
to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the
promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there
blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

Sermon

“The Trinity at Work”

John 14:12-31

Rev. Mike McLaughlin, Senior Pastor

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO HIS GRACE

Welcome to His Table

Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. All Elements are gluten-free.

The Bread and The Cup

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

Chorus:

***Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art;
Then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.***

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus

Song of Response[†]

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee opening to the sun
above; Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of
doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light
of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n re-
flect Thy rays; Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of
un-broken praise; Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow-
ery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing foun-
tain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest; Well-
spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest; Thou
our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to
man; Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of
strife; Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of
life.

Benediction[†]

Postlude[†]

Greeting and Fellowship[†]

*Please join us for a time of fellowship in the foyer.
Coffee and light refreshments are provided.*

Today's Worship Team: Bryan Emerson, George Haynes, Dave Rooy,
Gwen Lemmon, Jay Rechten, Adam Smith, Heather Rodecap

([†] Congregation stands when able.)

JOHN 14:12-31

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Opening Question

1. What is something that you feel that you do really well? This is something that when you are doing it you feel completely relaxed in that space. What is the story in how you were introduced to it and how have you nurtured it?

Study Questions

Read John 14:12-31

2. Vv.13-14 have been used by a movement that is known as the prosperity gospel. How has that movement used these verses and what would you say is a correction to that teaching?
3. What are some of the things that the Father will do? What about the Holy Spirit? And Jesus? Seeing those promises how does that change you?
4. How does Jesus manifest himself to the disciples and why is that different from what he does to the rest of the world?

Application

5. There are many things listed here that the members of the Trinity will do. But there are also many things that followers of Jesus will do. List some of them and explain how you will do them.

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