

West Side Presbyterian Church
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Lent



April 7, 2019

10:15 am Service

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

-Titus 2:11a

The slender capacity of man's heart cannot comprehend, and much less utter,
that unfathomable depth and burning zeal of God's love toward us.

-Martin Luther

God loves us before any human person can show love to us. He loves us with a "first" love,
an unlimited, unconditional love, wants us to be His beloved children,
and tells us to become as loving as Himself.

-Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*

Ultimately, grace can never be earned. Like all gifts it can only be received, requiring that I
simply open my hands and trust.

-Mark Yaconelli, *The Gift of Hard Things*

The story of grace includes a broad range of characters—rich, poor, powerful and powerless.

For all of them, it is God's grace that tips the scale in their favor. In some ways these
stories are our stories. For like the individuals who populate the pages of Scripture, we, too
need grace. But not just any grace. The grace of God.

-Andy Stanley, *The Grace of God*

But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread
enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father,
and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer
worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to
his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion;
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

-Luke 15:17-20

~ The Preparation for the Word ~

PRELUDE

Allegretto, Op. 65, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

***CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in love.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
 God's love is poured into our hearts.

Let us pray:

Enduring Presence,
 goal and guide,
 You go before and await our coming.
Only our thirst compels us
 beyond complaint to conversation,
 beyond rejection to relationship.
Pour Your love into our hearts,
 that, refreshed and renewed,
 we may invite others to the living water
 given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 478**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, in You we live and move and have our being.
Forgive us when we ignore Your presence:
 when we place our trust in things that fade away.
By Your grace,
 move us to be more faithful disciples.
By Your forgiveness,
 empower us to share forgiveness with others.

KYRIE

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one flat) and common time. It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including some beamed eighth notes and a final half note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and
to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major and common time. The first staff begins with a '4' above the staff, indicating a four-measure rest. The melody is written across the three staves with lyrics underneath. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***THE PEACE**

Children should leave to join their Sunday School small groups during the Passing of the Peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*Dr. Matthew Murphy
Superintendent, Ramsey Public Schools*

~ The Proclamation of the Word ~

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Maggie Heuer

SERMON

**Looking Through the Parables (Part 5):
The Parable of the Gracious Father**

Rev. Penny Hogan

~ *The Response to the Word* ~

***RESPONSE OF FAITH**

Psalm 36:5-9

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your judgments are like the great deep;
You save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

**How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
They feast on the abundance of Your house,
and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
For with You is the fountain of life;
in Your light we see light.**

***HYMN 76**

My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Grant, O Lord, Thy Grace Unbounded

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant, O Lord, Thy grace unbounded,
bend Thine ear unto my prayer;
thus Thy wrath for sins recounted,
nevermore shall I endure.

The anthem continues.

Wilt Thou always care and comfort,
and abide mine enemy?
Must I languish, weak and helpless,
and by Thee forgotten be?

Apryl Helder, mezzo-soprano

***DOXOLOGY 591**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

~ The Sacrament of Holy Communion ~

***INVITATION**

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

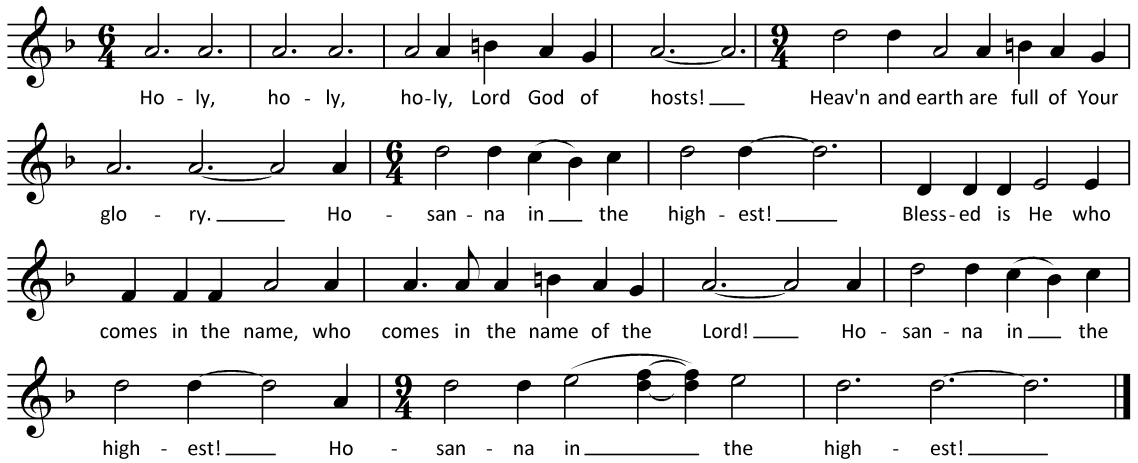
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are You, O Lord, our God:

**For forty years, You fed us with the bread of heaven in the wilderness.
Now we stand on the edge of the promised land, giving thanks
that You have rolled away the heavy stone of our shame.**

Therefore we praise You, joining the song
of the universal church and heavenly choir:

***SANCTUS** (Choir and congregation singing)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts! _____ Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est! _____ Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord! _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the
high - est! _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est! _____

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

**Jesus came to seek the lost and restore the dead to life.
Though we have lived wastefully, squandering our inheritance,
by His grace we are Your beloved children.**

Remembering Your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to You with gratitude
as we share this joyful feast.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Make us a new creation in Christ;
reconcile us to Yourself,
so that we may bear Your message of reconciliation to all the world.
Let us be ambassadors for Christ, ministers of Your grace and peace.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless You, God of glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be by intinction. Please approach by way of the center aisle, receive the bread offered by the server, dip it in the cup and return to your seat by the outer aisle. A gluten-free option is available at the first station to the left of the Communion table. If you wish to receive Communion, but cannot come forward, please signal the usher as your row is called to come forward and you will be served in your seat.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION **Andante tranquillo, Op. 65, No. 3** Felix Mendelssohn

COMMUNION PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*hymnal page 16, using debts/debtors*)

~ The Sending ~

***HYMN 276** **Great is Thy Faithfulness** FAITHFULNESS

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE **Con moto maestoso, Op. 65, No. 3** Felix Mendelssohn

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Our worship has ended. May our service to God and others continue.



Greeters: We thank Patrick Elkins and Beverly Fitzgerald for greeting today.

Procession of Worship Elements: The worship elements are being carried in this morning by those serving Communion.

Lay Leadership: We thank Maggie Heuer for her leadership in worship today. If you are interested in being a lay reader during the 10:15 am Sunday service, please contact Lucy Ianacone (Lianacone@optonline.net; 201-445-6824).

Sanctuary Flowers: The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of dear friend and neighbor Frank Schott's 93rd birthday, by Janet Hunt.

Requesting sanctuary flowers is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. If you wish to dedicate flowers, please contact Russell Clark (rjclark100@gmail.com; 201-788-5968).

Coffee Hour: Please stay after the service to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Narthex. We thank Dawn, Harris and Cooper Fleming, Laura Sanderson, Janet Williams and all those who have contributed their gifts to Coffee Hour this morning.

Visitor Information Bags are available in the Narthex. If you are visiting with us today, please feel free to take one.

Please note: Next Sunday, April 14, is Palm Sunday and a Family Sunday. We look forward to having our children (grades 2 through 7) in worship with us for the full hour!

Worship Values, Practices and Information

Congregational participation is the hallmark of Reformed Worship. Hymns, responses, corporate prayers and readings belong to *you, the people* and express the voice of the individual and the larger body of the Church. We hope the following notes will help you to join us in our liturgy.

- An asterisk (*) indicates the congregation may stand.
- Boldface type signifies congregational participation.
- First and final stanzas of hymns are usually sung in unison, middle stanzas in parts.
- Share your prayer concerns on the cards provided in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the cards during the announcements.
- Those arriving after the Call to Worship begins will be seated during the next hymn or the passing of the peace. If you must leave the Sanctuary during worship, please wait in the Narthex until the next hymn, the passing of the peace or the doxology before returning to your seat. Please help us protect and care for our beautiful worship space. Food and beverages, with the exception of closed plastic water bottles, are not allowed in the Sanctuary.
- ***Please turn off your cell phone before worship begins.***
- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Assistive listening devices are available by contacting one of the ushers.
- Throughout the Sanctuary, there are a number of spaces available for wheelchairs. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Video of the service is available online at www.westside.org. We have live streaming video on Sunday mornings.
- In case of emergency: our AED Unit is on the wall across from the reception desk and the First Aid kit is in the closet across from the reception desk.

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