

February 7, 2021

Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas

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**Note:** It is our tradition to celebrate Holy Communion together on the first Sunday of the month. Before we begin worship, gather bread (any kind of bread or crackers) and juice/wine (any kind) and bring them to your worship space.

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

**HYMN: "FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES"** (Glory to God #327)

*(mute and sing)*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong: Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sounds all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Join me as we pray together, saying,

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

*Silent Prayer*

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.  
God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21–31

Mark 1:29–39

### SERMON

"... And She Began to Serve"

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(All who humbly put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome and invited to participate in the sacrament regardless of church affiliation.)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

*(the prayer continues... Our Father...)*



## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Partake of the bread and cup.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Think about His Love

- arr. Mark Hayes

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**HYMN: "LET US BUILD A HOUSE"** (Glory to God #301) *(mute and sing)*

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,

A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions; All are welcome; all are welcome;

All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,

Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome, all are welcome;

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;

A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome;

All are welcome in this place

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

He Is Exalted

- arr. Mark Hayes

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Grace Presbyterian Church gather to seek and to worship God, and disperse, sharing and celebrating through love and service, the grace of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>2/7</u>	<u>9:30 am ZOOM</u>
<u>Worship &amp; The Lord's Supper</u>	<u>2/7</u>	<u>11:00 am ZOOM</u>
<u>Assemble LOVE Boxes</u>	<u>2/8</u>	<u>5:15 pm Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Celebration! Handbell Choir Rehearsal</u>	<u>2/9</u>	<u>7:00 pm Sanctuary</u>
<u>Soul Sisters</u>	<u>2/10</u>	<u>2:00 pm Ann W. Home</u>
<u>Youth Fellowship</u>	<u>2/10</u>	<u>6:00 pm Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Bulletin Information Due</u>	<u>2/10</u>	
<u>TRYC Youth Retreat</u>	<u>2/12 &amp; 12/13</u>	<u>Zoom</u>
<u>Friendship House Friendship Night</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>9:30 am ZOOM</u>
<u>Worship</u>	<u>2/14</u>	<u>11:00 am ZOOM</u>

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to you as you worship with us today! You honor us by your presence and we give thanks for you. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to make your church home with us. For more information about uniting with this church, please contact Pastor Cheryl Homsher through the church office (684-6542) or Assisting Elder, Bob Dawson

## LOVE BOXES

The Congregational Life team will be packing "Love Boxes" for our college kids and staff on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and would welcome donations of Valentine treats, snacks and candy for the boxes. There will be a box to place your donations in on the Mission table back by the Fellowship Hall. Thank you - and love to you! ❤️

## BLESSING BOX

Our parking lot Blessing Box is being well-used by neighbors in need of food. On the first week of each month, please bring donations of non-perishable food items to the church - or put them directly in the blessing box: canned meat, canned vegetables/fruit, juices, crackers, peanut butter, dried fruits, ramen noodles, granola bars, instant oatmeal, cereal, canned pasta sauce, canned pasta, toiletries...