

**Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**

**Luke 6:36**



**Grace Presbyterian Church**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**February 23, 2025**

**The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**

**Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook**

## Sunday Service – February 23, 2025

*How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!*

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in **\*BOLD\*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts      *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. by Vogt

Welcome

Call to Worship –

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #661 *"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"*

Call to Confession –

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession –

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Assurance of Pardon —**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”**

**Passing the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

**Time for Music & Meditation**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Let us Pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

**Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — 2 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Choir Anthem #772 “Live into Hope”

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11

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One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Sermon

Third Way

## Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

## Hymn of Response #346 "For the Healing of the Nations"

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Call to Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

### Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. by Parker

### Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Announcements

Closing Hymn #71 "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

Scout's Benediction

Retiring of the Colors

Postlude *Stand Up for Jesus* arr. by Ritter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Grace's 25th Anniversary - Next Sunday:** We will be observing Grace's 25th anniversary on Sunday, March 2nd. Plans are coming together for a celebratory reception to follow the service.

**Scout Pie Sale:** Troop 15, the troop that Grace supports, is selling pies, crisps, and cobblers to fund their upcoming activities. The list of options is long. A copy of it is in the narthex. If you have questions or would like to order please reach out to Aaron Bowers or Betsy Kachmar.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Grace will be worshipping with United Faith on Wednesday, March 5th.

**Puzzle Extravaganza Postponed:** New date will likely be post Easter.

**Lenten Bible Study Books:** If you ordered a book (or two) for our upcoming Lenten Bible study, your book is in the narthex. Please cross your name off of the sign up sheet once you've taken your book.

**Education Wing Painting:** We're looking for several volunteers to help finish the education wing painting job on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:30 PM. If you can help, reach out to Tom Monnier.

### Birthdays

Aaron Bowers - February 23

Damian Polk - February 25

Tom Monnier - February 27  
Nathan Bausser - February 28

Anniversaries

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

**Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting**

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

**Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting**

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

**Meeting ID:** 9712063468      **Password:** 030414

**Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)**

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

**Phone Number:** (301) 715-8592 **Meeting ID:** 9712063468      **Password:** 030414

## 661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



1 Why should I feel dis - cour - aged? Why should the shad - ows come?  
 2 "Let not your heart be trou - bled," his ten - der word I hear,  
 3 When - ev - er I am tempt - ed, when - ev - er clouds a - rise,



Why should my heart be lone - ly and long for heaven and home,  
 and rest - ing on his good - ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 when song gives place to sigh - ing, when hope with - in me dies,



when Je - sus is my por - tion? My con - stant friend is he:  
 though by the path he lead - eth but one step I may see:  
 I draw the clos - er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me;



his eye is on the spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.



I sing be - cause I'm hap - py, (I'm hap - py) I sing be - cause I'm free, (I'm free)



This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.



Musical score for Thanksgiving. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me." Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: C7, F, Fm, C, G7, and C.

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Musical score for "Glory Be to the Father". The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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 score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final notes.

## 346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

# 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## Doxology

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The asterisk indicates an alternative word, "God", which can be used instead of "him".

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

# 71 Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

*Refrain*

*C All* G Am F Dm7

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

Gsus G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

Em7 Am Dm Gsus C F C (F) *Fine*

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

*Leader or All* C G/B Am C7

1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

F Dm7 Gsus G7 Em7

from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall

Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."

*Leader or All* Am Em F

2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -

G7 C Dm7 C Am Em F

mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,

This text is a slightly altered form of an adaptation of Isaiah 12:2-6 that appears as a canticle for Morning Prayer in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church. This selection is identified there as The First Song of Isaiah, a title that influenced the tune name.

TEXT: The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer, 1976, alt.  
 MUSIC: Jack Noble White, 1976  
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FIRST SONG  
 Irregular