

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

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February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major

J.C. Simon

Call to Worship *(from Psalm 112)*

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

ALL: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

ALL: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Call to Reconciliation

* Prayer of Confession

Tender God,

We confess that we have not yet learned what it means to behold ourselves without impulse to destroy ourselves. We are haunted by interior demands of perfectionism that came to us through a world that celebrates illusions of flawlessness. A world that sets standards of perfection that are only purposed to elevate whiteness, workaholism, materialism, and self-hatred. Help us to reject the mirages of perfection, and release ourselves from expectations that only serve to destroy us. Hold us in the trust of our dignity; that we would no longer turn against our own bodies and emotions to attain worth, but that we would learn the language of self-compassion and grant our souls the rest they have promised. Amen.

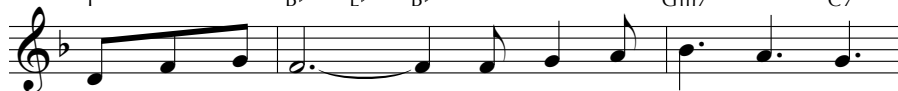
* Assurance of God's Grace and Love

* Response



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

*** Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Faith Sharing

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

Homily

“The Salt of the Earth”

Richard Coble

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

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Invitation to The Table

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...

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People *(All bread is gluten-free.)*

Prayer After Communion

Offering *(Please place green prayer cards in the offering plate for the Prayers of the People.)*

Offertory

“Offertory” from *Service Sonata No. 1*

Peter Stearns

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn 339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*** Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Lento

Cyril Scott

*Prayer of Confession comes from Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies instagram post, January 24, 2023
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Thank you to Jeannette Williams for the flowers that decorate the sanctuary this morning, given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Jeannette Lillian Ralph and with Happy Birthday wishes to her grandson, Jimmy Lee.

Liturgists: Malachi Gassaway, Rachel Shepherd, John and Kathy Singleton

Head Usher: Cathy Froehlich

Deacon of the Week: Carolyn Haag | **email:** cjhaag88@gmail.com

Please remain seated during the Postlude.

**Stand in Body or Spirit.*

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Childcare is available for children, birth to 4 years of age.

Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



Announcement Info



2023 Pledge Card



To give to GCPC

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation.

We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.

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