

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.**  
**March 19, 2023**

*Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:*

*O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in Your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in Your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*A Prayer of Clement of Rome (@ 90 A.D.)*

**PRELUDE**                      *I Know Whom I Have Believed*    arr. Wayne Fritchie  
   *God Will Take Care of You*        arr. Min Hwan Kim  
*Alexandra Nichols, Violin; John Black, Piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION**                      *from Psalm 139*

How precious to us are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

WERE WE TO COUNT THEM, THEY WOULD OUTNUMBER THE GRAINS OF SAND.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts.

SEE IF THERE IS ANY OFFENSIVE WAY IN US, AND LEAD US IN THE WAY EVERLASTING!

**\*HYMN**                                      *The Glory of These Forty Days*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(first silently, then in unison):*

LORD OUR GOD, WONDERFUL IN YOUR ETERNAL GLORY, YOU ARE THE HELP OF ALL WHO FLEE TO YOU, AND THE HOPE OF THOSE WHO CRY TO YOU. CLEANSE US FROM OUR SINS, SECRET AND OPEN, AND FROM EVERY THOUGHT DISPLEASEING TO YOU. CLEANSE OUR HEARTS, OUR SOULS, OUR BODIES, SO THAT WITH PURITY AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUR PERFECT LOVE WE MAY, WITHOUT FEAR, MAKE OUR PRAYERS TO YOU THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN. *A prayer of Basil of Caesarea, 329-379*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.*

**\*THE PEACE** *(responsively)*

. . . The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

**ANTHEM**

*How Great Is Our God* by Chris Tomlin  
arr. Keith Christopher

*The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the Earth rejoice, let all the Earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.*

*[REFRAIN] How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.*

*Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. [REFRAIN]*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

John 9:1-7 (p. 1061, Pew Bibles)  
Ephesians 5:8-17 (p. 1159, Pew Bibles)

**HEIFER COIN DRIVE / A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN** *Amazing Grace!* 460

**SERMON** SENT TO SEE

**PSALTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Twenty-Third Psalm*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT. HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE. YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES: THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER. SURELY, GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**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 TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER, AMEN.

**OFFERING**

Offertory *Meditation on Brother James' Air* Harold Darke  
(Psalm 23)

**\*Doxology**

*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!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* 481

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata on Amazing Grace* Christopher Pardini

*\*(the people standing, as able)*

~ IN MEMORIAM ~  
**Anna Antoinette Goddard Prince**  
 June 13, 1921 - March 7, 2023  
 Church Member, Child of God

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith."*

*II Timothy 4:7*

# The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR LM

Gregory the Great (540–604)  
Trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We  
2. A - lone and fast - ing, Mo - ses saw The  
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -  
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all  
lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,  
liv - ered from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride - groom's  
sumed in fast and prayer with You; Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with Your grace, And give us joy to see Your face.

Text: From the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

## JOHN 9:1-7

As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Having said this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” He told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

## EPHESIANS 5:8-17

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

## Amazing Grace!

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?  
1 Chron. 17:16

Chords: G, D7, Em, C, G, D7, G

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

Chords: C, G, F, Em, G, D7, G

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

St. 1-5, John Newton, 1779  
St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.  
Traditional American melody  
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
2. Thro' death in - to life ev - er - last - ing, He passed, and we  
3. His Word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

dark-ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior,  
fol - low Him there; O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion—  
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing,

*Refrain*

And life more a - bun - dant and free!  
For more than con - qu'rors we are! Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,  
His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Look full in His won - der - ful face, And the things of  
won - der - ful face,

earth will grow strange - ly dim, In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

WORDS and MUSIC: "Lemmel"; Helen H. Lemmel, 1922.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN  
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**MARCH 19, 2023**

***WE WELCOME** all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all with us online! A special word of welcome to any visiting with us this morning; whether you are visiting us just for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available in the narthex, or feel free to ask an usher if you have any questions. All are cordially invited to Coffee Hour downstairs following the service.*



**FLOWERS today** are given to the glory of God by Evelyn C. Murray in loving memory of her mother, Helen H. Howard, on this 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.

**THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR** currently has several dates available. Please stop in the church office or **call (737-1230) to sign up for dates** to honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, or commemorate the memory of a dearly departed relative or friend and, in doing so, help beautify our sanctuary for worship. *Dates available; April 30 (one) June 18 (one) June 25 (both) July 1 (one) July 9 (both) July 16 (both) July 23 (one). August 20 (one) Sept 3 (both) Sept.13 (both) Sept.17 (one) Sept. 24 (both)* The cost is **\$25** per bouquet.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** – During February and March we will hold our annual collection for the “**Gifts of the Heart**” kits. A donation box is on the Fellowship Hall stage. **Items needed:** 15”x28” hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, (wrapped) bars of soap, (boxed) toothbrushes. Ten Standard size Band-Aids. Monetary gifts accepted; simply write a check to Greenwood Community Church and note on memo line “PW Gifts of the Heart”. Thank you!

**WORSHIP CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION:** For up to date information regarding the potential cancellation of church activities during inclement weather, please log on to [www.wpri.com](http://www.wpri.com) or [www.turnto10.com](http://www.turnto10.com), tune in to the corresponding TV stations, look us up on **Face Book** (Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian) ... and/or call the church office answering machine.



**FAMILY/FELLOWSHIP DINNER Thursday!** Dinner begins 5:30 and we are done in plenty of time for choir rehearsal at 7:00 P.M. Choir member **Mark Buckley** will lead a devotional study following the meal. All are welcome!

**NOTICE:** As we have done in the past when Holy Week falls on the first week of the month, we will NOT be observing the Lord’s Supper April 2, Palm Sunday. We will partake of the Lord’s Supper during Maundy Thursday worship four days later, 7:00 PM, April 6.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) works with low-income communities to help overcome oppression and injustice. Projects focus on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skill development, farming, disabilities, immigration & refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to OGHS, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges. Please use the OGHS offering envelopes in the pews, in your box of offering envelopes or the OGHS online account for your donation. Thank you from your Mission Committee!



**SAVE THE DATE; Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14.** Please join us this year for VBS week and have great fun with old and new friends as we learn about Jesus. More information will be coming soon.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** with help from all GCCP, will host a community **Early Bird May Breakfast Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 am thru 11:30. Tickets will be sold in advance for a \$2.00 savings starting Sunday March 26 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10.00 Adult - \$5.00 child (5-12;-free for children under 5.)



~\*~\*~ **THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH** ~\*~\*~

Today, March 19	10:00 a.m.	Service of Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	King’s Kids
	6:00 p.m.	29 Eleven
Monday, March 20	7:00 p.m.	BSF
Tuesday, March 21	1:00 p.m.	Linus
Wednesday, March 22	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons’ Meeting
Thursday, March 23	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 24	8:00 a.m.	RICH Co-op

**TODAY** is the fourth Sunday of our annual Lenten coin drive to benefit **Heifer International**. All funds raised through this drive will enable the Sunday School to purchase domestic animals for impoverished families worldwide. The purchase of these animals will help feed families as well as generate income for them through the sale of eggs, cheese, milk, wool and other animal byproducts. The collection dates: **FEBRUARY 26 – PENNIES, MARCH 5 – NICKELS, MARCH 12 – DIMES, MARCH 19 – QUARTERS, MARCH 26 – DOLLARS**

## OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, seeks to have a three-fold ministry in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):

**"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls of all nationalities into a vital relationship with the Son of God.

**"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the family of God.

**"... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ..."** We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

## OUR SESSION

M. Barry Baxter  
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Dennis J. Charpentier

Kevin L. Golde  
Emmy J. Kmet  
H. Samuel Koldyk  
Denise S. Mair

D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk  
Wayne A. Meunier  
W. Jay Swiatek  
Kristine L. Swanson

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**TOGETHER, WE CAN  
HELP END HUNGER  
AND POVERTY.**

