



We invite you to join us online (www.westmarketchurch.org) or by radio ([WPET 950 AM](#) & [92.7 FM](#)) to participate in worship this Sunday.

Below you will find the bulletin for the
11:00 a.m. service for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2024.

We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.

We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.

We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"

~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Psalm 51:1 (NRSVue)

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

“Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us”

Johann Gottfried Walther

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship to know and feel God’s love.

God is love!

In our worship, we are honest about our need for God’s mercy.

God’s mercy never ends!

We seek forgiveness as we lament our sin.

Today we worship our God whose grace is greater than our sin.

ENTRANCE

† HYMN OF PRAISE:

No. 579, vs. 1-3 & 5 “Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here” CARREY’S (SURREY)

1. Lord God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made; your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed; we come, with all our heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.
2. We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by powers and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.
3. Lord God, in Christ, you call our name, and then receive us as your own; not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love along; we strain to glimpse your mercy seat, and find you kneeling at our feet.
5. Lord God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share; give us your Spirit’s liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do, while love is making all things new.

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† COLLECT:

Depth of mercy can there be, mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still. Amen.

Charles Wesley, from the hymn, “Depth of Mercy”

† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

MEINEKE

***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.***

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR: HARPER POWELL FULP
SERVICE OF RECEPTION: BRIAN FULP

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

I present Harper Fulp for baptism. Parents: Brian and Allison Fulp
I present Brian Fulp, who comes to this congregation for membership.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Harper in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Harper and Brian now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Harper and Brian with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and them who receives it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Harper Powell Fulp, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Brian Fulp, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND INTO
WEST MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As a member of West Market Street United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Harper and Brian to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

No. 611, v.1 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” STUTTGART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

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PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN: *Please join us in singing after the Children's Message*

No. 365, v.1 "Grace Greater than Our Sin" MOODY

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Text: Julia H. Johnson, 1911

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSVue) **Reader: Dave Johnston**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Depth of Mercy” The Reverend Jeremy Benton

RESPONSE

† RESPONSIVE HYMN: No. 355

“Depth of Mercy”

CANTERBURY

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
2. I have long withstood his grace, long provoked him to his face, would not hearken to his calls, grieved him by a thousand falls.
3. I my Master have denied, I afresh have crucified, oft profaned his hallowed name, put him to an open shame.
4. There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.
5. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

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 Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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 Text WMC to 73256. Follow prompts to complete your giving.
 You may also give by clicking on the "Give Here" button at the bottom of this email.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Norah Duncan IV

*I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
 all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking,
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, please walk with me;
 when I'm in trouble, Lord, please walk with me;
 when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

Text: African American spiritual

† A LENTEN DOXOLOGY: “Praise God Throughout These Forty Days

THE OLD 100

*Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ throughout our hearts. Amen.*

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† OFFERING PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN OF DEDICATION: No. 378, vs. 1-4, & 6 “Amazing Grace” AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
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’d first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1779; v. 6 Anonymous

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION: No. 365, refrain only “Grace Greater than Our Sin” MOODY

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Text: J. Johnson

POSTLUDE: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Alfred Fedak

*Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.*

†Please stand as you are able.

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