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## WELCOME

### "LIVING HOPE"

#### **[Verse 1]**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### **[Verse 2]**

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such  
boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### **[Chorus] x2**

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### **[Verse 3] x2**

Then came the morning  
that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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#### **2nd time:**

Jesus, yours is the victory!

#### **[Chorus]x2**

Jesus Christ, my living hope  
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## CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: In today's reading from Philippians, God commands us to have the same mindset as Jesus—who, being God, did not consider equality with God something to use to his own advantage, but instead humbled himself and became a servant—a servant that died that we might live. We, however, have not always been humble. At times we struggle with our ego, even from an early age one of the first words we learn is “mine.” Our egos can inflate our pride, and lead us to protect ourselves at the detriment of others.

It works its way into the way we act: How do I benefit? Isn't my time most valuable? If I don't look out for me, who else will? It puts up a block for us to serve God and others, and distracts us with ourselves. We have ignored God and lived our lives our way and not his.

But we have been saved by grace—a free gift. And God still blesses us more in life—grace upon grace. Yet, this struggle with “I” —this struggle with our sinful nature still persists. And we know there is only one who can forgive us and give us comfort, peace and strength to turn from ourselves to him—it is the Lord, and to him we confess:

**Congregation: Heavenly Father, I have wandered from you—choosing my way, or at times, the way of the world over yours. I have sinned against you with my straying thoughts, with how I choose to speak, and how I choose to act. There are sins I know I have done and sins that I do not know I have done. Have mercy on me because you are love and because of my shepherd, Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sins and take away my guilt.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God the Father sent his Son Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life and died in our place, although he was innocent. Because of what Jesus Christ has done, our sin and guilt have been removed forever.

Once we had wandered in a spiritual wilderness, but now have been gathered into a heavenly flock. May God, our Shepherd, make you lie down in green pastures. May he lead you beside quiet waters. May he restore your soul with the peace of forgiveness that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** *p. 686 in the pew Bible*

**Ecclesiastes 5:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions,

and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup>They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

**SECOND LESSON** *p. 1196 in the pew Bible*

**Philippians 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself by becoming  
obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every  
name,

<sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee  
should bow, in heaven and on earth  
and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**"BUILD MY LIFE"**

**[Verse 1]**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

**[Verse 2]**

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

**[Chorus] x2**

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart and lead me

in Your love to those around me

**[Bridge] x2**

And I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

**[Verse 1]**

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

**[Chorus] x2**

**[Bridge] x2**

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## **THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK:**

### **THURSDAY—A LESSON IN SERVICE**

*based on John 13:1-17; page 1097 in the pew Bible*

*Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, begins what is called “Holy Week” or “Passion Week” in the Christian church. Holy Week takes us back to the week of Jesus’ earthly life that contained his final suffering and crucifixion; a week that could be called the last week of Jesus’ life—in the earthly sense. God, in the Bible, does not treat the events of that week lightly. For example, out of the 28 chapters of Matthew’s Gospel roughly the first 2 chapters focus on the first 3 years of Jesus’ life. Then Matthew spends chapters 3-20 telling us about the 3 years of Jesus’ public ministry. Matthew concludes his Gospel by spending chapter 21 through the first half of chapter 28 on Holy Week! One quarter of the entire Gospel of Matthew is spent on one week of Jesus’ life! There must be some important things that happened that week about which God wants us to know! Therefore, on the Sundays in Lent this year at Grace, we are exploring some of the events of*  
**THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK.**

### **JOHN 13:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

<sup>8</sup>“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

<sup>9</sup>“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

“Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. <sup>13</sup>“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.

<sup>15</sup>“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

<sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

## **PRAYER**

*The minister will offer the Prayer. Following the Prayer:*

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.**

### **“BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY”**

#### **[Verse 1]**

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best.  
Service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving; all our time to him belong.  
Praise him, then, with true devotion; come before him with a song.

#### **[Verse 2]**

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son.  
What great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!  
Let us to him promptly, freely yield our bodies and our souls.  
Thankful that his love protects us that his wisdom all controls.

#### **[Verse 3]**

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son  
Lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us; help and guide us; watch to comfort and restore  
Till in heaven we rest rejoicing, praising you for evermore.

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### **WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?**

If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the current message series, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our “*Grace CREWW – Lent 2020*” playlist on Spotify. You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app.

To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the camera icon then hover the camera over this code:



### **WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?**

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship:

