

March 7, 2021 The Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Dale Wood Amy Smith, organ

Welcome Dr. Adrian N. Doll

Call to Worship Sherri Brewer, Elder

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it.
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.

Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

You promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe.

You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear.

You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have.

You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.

Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,

and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.

For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Special Music "The Summons" arr. John Bell

Kaymen Carter and Denise Wunderlich, vocalists ~ Amy Smith, piano

New Testament Reading

John 2:13-22

Sermon

"Turning the Tables Upside Down"

Dr. Adrian N. Doll

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.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Communion Chalice and Pitcher used in this morning's service were given to Rev. Joe Fontana upon the occasion of his ordination in 1989.

The Chalice and Pitcher were then given to Pastor Adrian by Pastor Joe in celebration of his installation at GVPC in 2017.

The Lord's Prayer

The Prayers of God's People

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

Hymn "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me; On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free. I will praise my dear Redeemer His triumphant power I'll tell, How the victory He giveth over sin and death and hell. (refrain)

I will sing of my Redeemer and His heavenly love for me; He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of God, with Him to be. (refrain)

Benediction

Postlude Toccata on "To God Be the Glory"

Amy Smith, organ

arr. Joel Raney

Today at GVPC

Communion – We will observe the Sacrament of Communion during our worship service this morning. For those viewing the service via Livestream, you are invited to prepare the bread and cup at home to participate with us.

Sanctuary Flowers - Today's flowers are provided by Barbara Wilson in celebration of her birthday ~ March 8. Happy Birthday!

Nursery Volunteers – We are pleased to announce that the nursery is available at both services for ages infant through 3 years old. If you are able to assist with this ministry, please email children@greenvalleypres.com.

This Week at GVPC

Pastor's Lenten Bible Study: *The Seven Last Words* – Our Lenten Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Join us as we consider Jesus' message of salvation from the cross.

Coffee Hour Volunteers – We will resume coffee hour on the patio between services beginning Sunday, March 21. Please consider providing the Sunday morning coffee hour treats. All treats must be individually wrapped. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office (702) 454-8484 to volunteer.

Easter Flowers - As a member or friend of the GVPC church family, you are invited to purchase flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4. Place orders at the table in the Narthex beginning today through Sunday, March 28. Easter flowers are \$20.00 per plant.

One Great Hour of Sharing – In the wake of seemingly endless disasters across the US, the Executive Committee of Session has approved that 100% of GVPC offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing be designated to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. We prayerfully ask that you consider giving to OGHS during this Season of Lent to share God's love with our neighbors in need. There are OGHS envelopes in the church Narthex where you can place your donation in the offering basket. You may also send a check to GVPC with OGHS in the memo line or give online to "One Great Hour of Sharing" at www.greenvalleypres.com.

New Member Inquiry Class – Please join us for the GVPC New Member Inquiry Class on Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office (702) 454-8484 to RSVP.

Gingerbread Business Meeting – There will be a Gingerbread Fair Committee business meeting tomorrow, Monday March 8 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All ladies are invited to join us as we plan for another fair.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday Night Women's (Bad Girls) Bible Study will resume on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying *"Unveiling Mary Magdalene"* by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies are invited to join us.

Livestream Spring Concert Series - GVPC's Livestream Spring Concert Series will kick off this Thursday, March 11 at 4:00 pm with *Finding Faith* featuring Andrew Tierney and Tim Dunfield and special guests Carlos Guerrero and Michael Tierney. A free will offering will be accepted to support the musicians.

Men's Group - The men's study group meets on Saturday mornings at 8:00 am for Bible Study. The group is studying the Great Courses video series, "<u>Great World Religions: Christianity"</u> taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson from Emory University. Join us for a time of fellowship, discussion and study.

Flower Dedications – The 2021 Flower Dedication Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider providing the Sanctuary flowers and sign up on the chart or contact the church office at (702) 454-8484.

Joys and Concerns

One of our longtime members, **Earl Hansen**, entered the presence of his Creator on Monday, March 1 at home with his wife, Kathy, at his side. Earl and Kathy joined GVPC in 1999. Earl was a man of quiet but deep faith and served our church in many areas with joy and dedication including our Worship and Music Committee as an Elder on Session. Please keep Kathy and family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow and loss.

Molly Pope underwent successful Cervical Spine surgery this week. She is home resting and recovering and thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Eileene and Chuck Smith ask for prayers in anticipation of Chuck's meeting with his oncologist on Monday. The tumor has increased in size as have the lesions on his liver. Chuck still is feeling good and continues to be optimistic, knowing that God is in control. Please pray for clear direction as to the next step on this cancer journey. Thanks for all your continued prayers.