

Grace United Church of Christ



**The First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 6th, 2022
Worship Service**

We Gather

10:45am Pre

Live Stream Video Loop

Prelude

"Nocturne in E Minor", from Opud 72 no. 1,
Frédéric Chopin, arr. Lani Smith

(During our prelude, please take your seat and enjoy the music as we center ourselves for worship and invite God's presence into our hearts.)

Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Introit:

"Worship the Lord", Lloyd Larson

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*Call to Worship

Jesus began his ministry to the world,
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey,
let us be led by the Spirit,
even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place,
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt
and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus,
we would be led,
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness,
faithful and obedient to God,
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,
we will be led by our Christ,
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

* Opening Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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1 Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Shall not we your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with you to suffer pain?

3 Then if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant that we not faint nor fail!

4 So shall we have peace divine;
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served You faithfully.

5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
Ever constant by your side;
That with you we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have failed to bring you the first of all our blessings. We have been slow to come to the place you have chosen as a dwelling for your name. We have been intoxicated by a hunger for power, possessions, and protection. We have been dehydrated by injustice. We are misguided and deluded. As former aliens in this land of milk and honey, we have continued the cycle of discrimination and the exploitation of new aliens and strangers. Forgive us, we pray. Refresh us for justice and compassion. Make us sober for sacrificial service. Guide us again through your Word and your will and your way.

* Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy

* Pardon and Assurance

*Passing the Peace

(Let us pass the peace with a Covid-Friendly smile, wave or some other sign of Christ's love)

We Listen

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Special Music "In Communion", based on "Trust in Jesus",
William K. Kirkpatrick, arr. Dennis Eliot

* Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Children's Sermon

Sermon

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

Offering "Supplication", Henry Kihlken

Doxology **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all Creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Song Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread #342

1 Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
O Savior, stay with us,
and spread your table in our heart.

2 Here share with us in love divine,
your body and your blood:
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and a living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty *God, now and forever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Holy Communion

Prayer of Blessing after Communion

We invite to the altar all who wish to receive a special prayer for any need in their life.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Benediction

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name",
Edward J. Hopkins (1869)

Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
who redeems us with his blood.
Let us tell the story of the cross of Christ
And the power of his saving love.
Like a lamb he was slain; he carried our shame,
to show us the mercy of God.

Refrain:

Let us every glory in the cross of Christ
And the triumph of God's great love.

Let us bring our burdens to the cross of Christ
Who has known our sorrow and tears.
In the great compassion of the heart of Christ,
God has walked in our hopes and fears.
He was mocked and betrayed, deserted by friends,
And banished to die among thieves.

[Refrain]

Let us kneel in homage at the cross of Christ
Where we see God's human face.
We behold the Maker of the sun and stars
As he hangs on the throne of grace.
As we share in his pain, his sorrow and shame,
Our hearts will be tested in fire.

[Refrain]

Dismissal with Blessing

May the dust of the wilderness hold our footprints
Lovingly shaped as they are by your hurt,
for dust remembers
May the journey into wilderness unfold honestly,
for honesty is the gift
your soul recognizes as you
May your time in this wilderness
be shaped by space
rather than minutes
so there is time enough for all of you
May the stones in this wilderness
cry out your name loudly
that your spirit recognizes the voice
that has been calling you always
And may you know this wilderness
has been expecting you
and you find between the stones
a promise growing. Amen.

Postlude

"Awake, Thou Wintry Earth", Traditional Dutch Carol,
arr. Tom Birchwood

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Grace goes LIVE!

*Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for
those who can not worship with us in person. **If you prefer NOT to
be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.***

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*The children's moment will be on camera as well.  
If you would like your child NOT to be on camera,  
please speak to our AV team or an usher.*

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(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)

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# Grace UCC Updates

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:



- Sunday 03/06:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service
- Wednesday 03/09:** 4:00 PM - Grace UCC Afterschool Program  
7:00 PM - Grace Book Club (Zoom)
- Thursday 03/10:** 7:00PM - Grace Lenten Bible Study
- Sunday 03/13:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service



## GRACE UCC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

We are beginning an afterschool program for kids up through elementary school. Join us each Wednesday at 4 PM for a time of music, videos, Bible lessons and crafts. We are meeting via Zoom under the leadership of Kelly Pineda, our new Director of Children and Youth Ministry. To know more, please contact Kelly at [Youthministry@grucc.com](mailto:Youthministry@grucc.com)!



**Topic:** After school Program  
**Time:** 4:00 PM (EST) Every Wednesday, until Dec 21st, 2022

**Weekly:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819697212?pwd=bFhKd1hSQ2tyU2JyVVBFcGNjSWIxQT09>

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
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WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

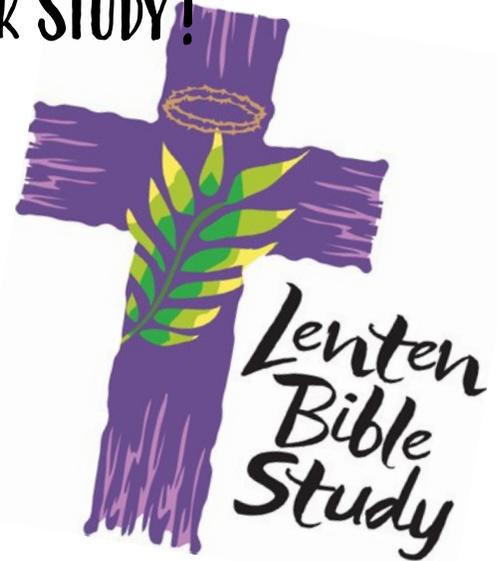


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# GRACE UCC LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

Join us Thursday evenings during Lent starting **March 3rd, 2022** at 7:00PM as we walk through The Lord's Prayer with Pastor and Author Adam Hamilton!



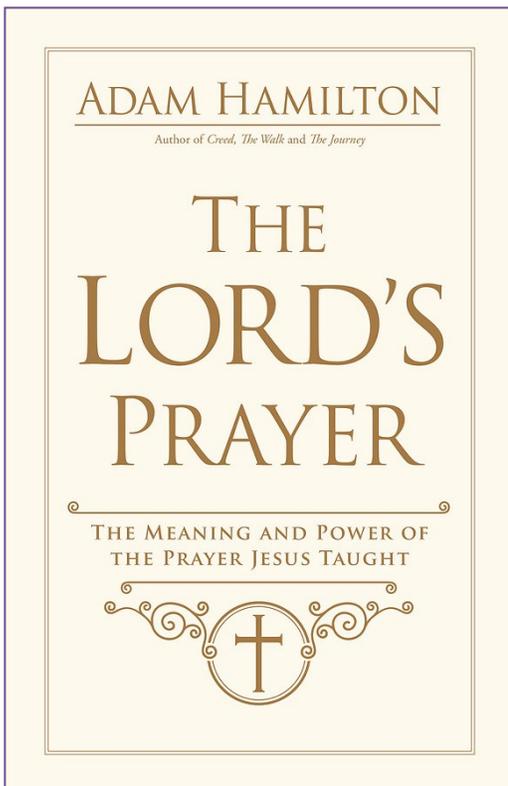
**Topic:** The Lords Prayer

**Time:** Thursdays in Lent 07:00 PM EST

**Weekly:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcqd-yrpjwpH907n2R6PIdkXjs4Lts\\_3WN0/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrqTsvGdySsxyORpwqB4igZ-nxiGZegvoNyxG3MXZjSwf9DuhRZp5rA-eD](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcqd-yrpjwpH907n2R6PIdkXjs4Lts_3WN0/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrqTsvGdySsxyORpwqB4igZ-nxiGZegvoNyxG3MXZjSwf9DuhRZp5rA-eD)

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM – Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist: N/A

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: N/A

Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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