



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021 10:15 AM

Worshippers present in the sanctuary are invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.

Gathering Music arranged by Ken Medema

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

with

“O Rest in the Lord” from *Elijah*

Announcements

Prelude by J.S. Bach

“Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr ”

I Love You, O Lord

Call to Worship (*from John 12:24-25*)

One: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain.

All: But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

One: Those who love their life will lose it, and those who give their life to God will gain eternal life.

All: Whoever serves God, follows God.

One: May we worship with our words and our hearts.

Gathering Hymn

(Hymnal #247)

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Verses 1, 4

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Prayer of Confession (*adapted from Psalm 51*)

**Grant me grace, God, according to your kindness,
with your great mercy wipe away my crimes. Our
crimes we know, and our offenses are before us
always. You alone have we offended; we have done
what is evil in your eyes. Do not cast us from your
presence, do not take away your Holy Spirit. Purify
us with hyssop, that we may be clean. Wash us, that
we may be whiter than snow. Create a pure heart
within us.**

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God, you forgive, you sustain, you make whole and
you make new. Our forgiveness comes from God the
Father, through God the Son, in God the Spirit.
Amen.

Choral response

*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading Job 33:23-28

New Testament Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Sermon ***"All the Money in the World"***

Musical Offering

"Graves into Gardens"

*I searched the world but it couldn't fill me,
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough;*

*Then You came along and put me back together,
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.*

*Oh there's nothing better than You,
There's nothing better than You,
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You.*

*I'm not afraid to show You my weakness, my failures and flaws.
Lord, You've seen them all and You still call me friend;*

*'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley,
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again.*

*You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can.*

*You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies;
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can.*

Minute for Mission & Moment of Gratitude

Dedication of Gifts; Special offering for Blanket Sunday

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

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"Bring Back the Springtime"

Choral Blessing

by Kurt Kaiser

*Lord make me like that stream
That flows so cool and clear,
Down from the mountains high above.
I will tell the world that wondrous story
Of the precious stream filled with Your love.*

Postlude

by J.S. Bach

"Bless the Lord, My Soul"

from *Cantata 196*

Bring Back the Springtime

"The winter is past...flowers appear on the earth." Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Kurt Kaiser (1934-2018)

Kurt Kaiser

$\text{♩} = 110$ *mp*

ff *f* *mf* *mp*

1. When in the spring the flow'rs are
2. Lord, make me like that stream that

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bloom-ing bright and fair
flows so cool and clear
Aft - er the gray of win - ter's gone,
Down from the moun-tains high a - bove;

13 *mf*

Once a-gain the lark be - gins its tun - ing
I will tell the world that won - drous sto - ry
Back in the
Of the streams that

18 *f* Refrain

mead-ows of my home.
flowed from Cal - va - ry.
Lord, to my heart bring back the spring - time,

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mf

Take a-way the cold and dark of sin; O re-turn to me, sweet Ho-ly

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J = 90 J = 80

Spir - it, May I warm and ten-der be a gain. ten-der be a gain.

1. 2. *f ff*

J = 60

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the family of Martha Cole, in celebration of her March 26th birthday.

Participants in today's service: Dave Betz (worship leader), Eloise Bennett, Eric Deeter, Kimberly Green, Allisa Moore, Cathy Sanders (music), Eric Deeter (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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