

*HYMN OF PREPARATION
Sing of Hope and Sing of Joy

INSERT

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Mary Lightfoot

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give the but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Abide with Me

UMH 700

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN RESPONSE

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide
earth. Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

O God, Thou Faithful God

Max Drischner

March 17, 2024

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres
Only Grace Praise Band
Praise Team Director: Nan Woppert
Digital Greeter: Lois Wenzel
Music Director: Dennis Stewart
Sanctuary Choir
Liturgist: Jordan Dennis
Ushers: (9:00) Jon & Tina Krass
(10:30) Jerry Phillips, Ryan McGowan

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LAMENT &
Hope

*Through the
Valley*
A Lenten Series on Lament

9:00 WORSHIP

GREETING

SONGS OF PRAISE

Open Up the Heavens
Lord, Reign in Me
You Are My King (Amazing Love)

SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:19-24

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

Shout to the Lord

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

SONG RESPONSE

Come, Ye Sinners

WORDS OF BLESSING



10:30 WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

Adagio

J. S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, no matter what we are dealing with, you are here among us.

P: Your love is steadfast, never ceases and is always forgiving.

L: God, no matter what we are dealing with, you call us to hope and love.

P: Your mercies are far-reaching, covering every aspect of our self and being.

L: God, no matter what we are dealing with, you always create newness.

All: Let us sing in joy for your greatness and fullness in our lives. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and merciful God, we come before you in our times of joy and sorrow. Life can be complex and challenging, but we trust in your faithfulness. You are the anchor that keeps us steady in the midst of life's storms. Help us draw nearer to you in our moments of distress and grant us the strength and courage to face our struggles with grace. We ask this in the Name of the One who weeps with us and offers us the promise of a new dawn. Amen.

LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

INSERT

ANTHEM

Behold the Lamb of God

John Behnke

*SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:19-24



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March 17, 2024

ALTAR FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jacob McClellan, Tom Phillips and Jerry Phillips by Shirley Phillips and Virginia Phillips.

LENTEN OFFERING - During the season of Lent we will receive a special Lenten Offering which will go to support the local Fuel Fund. This fund helps many people with energy assistance throughout the year. The special offering envelopes are in the bulletin today. Your generosity is most appreciated.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY - During our 9:00am worship service, we invite all children ages infant through 5th Grade to our Childcare Ministry. After our opening songs, caregivers will lead the kids to the Sanctuary Classroom. After worship, guardians can sign out their kid(s) from the classroom.

SOFTBALL TEAM - Join Grace's Men's softball team this season (April-July)! Games are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays across Harford & Cecil counties. \$40 per player covers uniform, umpire, and equipment fees. Youth & adults are invited to contact Josh Lemly at 410-459-3732 if you are interested in participating.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| Today | - 6:00 p.m. | - Youth of Grace Meeting - Youth Room |
| Mon. 3/18 | - 7:00 p.m. | - Church Council Meeting - Friendship Room |
| Wed. 3/20 | - 5:00 p.m. | - Food Pantry - Fellowship Hall |
| | - 7:00 p.m. | - Only Grace Band Rehearsal |
| Thurs. 3/21 | - 6:00 p.m. | - Lent Bible Study - Friendship Room |
| | - 6:30 p.m. | - Carillons Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room |
| | - 7:30 p.m. | - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| Sun. 3/24 | - Palm Sunday | |
| | - 9:00 a.m. | - Worship Service and Livestream |
| | - 9:00 a.m. | - Childcare Available |
| | - 10:30 a.m. | - Worship and Livestream |
| | - 6:00 p.m. | - Youth of Grace (YOG) Meeting |



We are very glad you are here for worship today. We ask that you please sign-in on the pads at the end of each pew so we may record the presence of all who are here to worship God.

A LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Father, Creator;
who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy,
Our God sustains us in our weakness, and
empowers us with His strength.
We trust Him.

We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son.
His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope;
in Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness,
renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness,
and release from despair.
We are saved through Him.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
That same Spirit calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.
We are empowered through Him.

We are disciples, pilgrim people.
We joyfully covenant to walk together in love.
To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death.
God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION - SING OF HOPE AND SING OF JOY

1. Sing of hope and sing of joy, gifts from God love will employ
to enable us to praise even during fearful days,
even during fearful days.

2. Hope's defiant, quiet flame burning in us will remain,
In whatever we may face, our reminder of God's grace,
our reminder of God's grace.

3. O the joy that Christ still lives! This-- the greatest hope-- now gives
energy to share with all lives enacting Jesus' call,
Lives enacting Jesus' call.


4. Hope and joy look past the cross redefining any loss,
show Christ's loving power to save, call forth actions bold and brave,
call forth actions bold and brave.

GRACE  CHURCH

Holy Week

MARCH 2024

24
PALM
SUNDAY

 **9:00am** - Sunday Worship
& Childcare Ministry
10:30am - Sunday Worship

28
MAUNDY
THURSDAY

7pm - Worship with
Communion &
Introduction to Foot Washing

29
GOOD
FRIDAY

11am - Cross Walk
7pm - Evening Service

30
HOLY
SATURDAY

10:30am - Noon: Egg Hunt
Crafts, Games, Hunt by age

31
EASTER
SUNDAY

 **9:00am** - Sunday Worship
with Communion
& Childcare Ministry
10:30am - Sunday Worship
with Communion

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