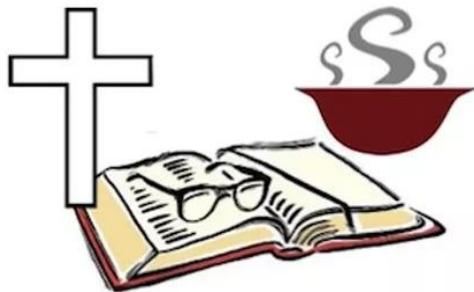


Granite Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 10, 2021



Virtual Lent
Soup & Scripture



OPENING PRAYER



2021 LENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Five Wednesdays in Lent:

FEBRUARY 24	Week One:	MEDITATING
MARCH 3	Week Two:	PRAYING
MARCH 10	Week Three:	LOVING
MARCH 17	Week Four:	THANKING
MARCH 24	Week Five:	LIVING

The inspiration for the five subjects is from the Lenten devotional [Living Into Lent](#) by Donald K. McKim (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2020); however, the content of the five study sessions does not come from McKim's book.

LOVING

God's Love For Us

Our Love For God

God's Love Through Us

GOD'S LOVE FOR US

“God Loves Like That”

“This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

Luke 15: 24



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The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

Luke 15: 11-32

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.



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So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' "



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So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.



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'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command;



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yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’



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“A kind Father when thou gavest; and kinder still when he returned destitute.”

Augustine



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“God’s Love Is For All”

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

John 3: 16

“The expansive scope of God’s love in Jesus Christ means that all are invited, all are included.”

Kendra G. Hotz

OUR LOVE FOR GOD

“Carrying Out Our Purpose”

“And live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.”
Ephesians 5: 2

“As children of God, we are born with a purpose in creation and need to carry out our purpose, which involves living a life similar to that of Jesus Christ.”
Grace Ji-Sun Kim



OUR LOVE FOR GOD

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“Faith and Love”

“The only thing that counts is faith working through love.”

Galatians 5: 6

“Faith is a hand to take hold on Christ and his benefits. Love is a hand to give out tokens of faith both to God and to man.”

William Perkins

GOD'S LOVE THROUGH US

“Love One Another”

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

John 13: 34

“For this very end, therefore did He love us, that we also should love one another; bestowing this on us by His own love to us, that we should be bound to one another in mutual love, and united together as members by so pleasant a bond, should be the body of so mighty a Head.”

Augustine 

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“Sharing Ourselves With Others”

“A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.”

Mark 12: 42

“If we become those two small copper coins, we must live our lives in such a way that our offering is truly shared with others.”

Emilie M. Townes



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“Serving the Needy”

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Matthew 25: 35



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The Judgment of the Nations

Matthew 25: 31-46

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was



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hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”



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And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.”



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Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’



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“Now there is no greater service of God than Christian love which helps and serves the needy, as Christ himself will judge and testify at the Last Day.”

Martin Luther



CLOSING PRAYER