



Sunday Bulletin



March 26, 2023


The Spirit of Christ

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***Indicates time to rise as you are able.**

Prelude:			
Welcome:			
*Opening Hymn:			
#444 Rain Down			
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.	Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.	Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people. Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.	
Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God’s works are so worthy of trust. God’s mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God’s love is the earth.	We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God’s wing. God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.		
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug		
First Reading	Psalm 130 NRSV Sheri Kline		
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug		
Doxology			
Second Reading	Romans 8: 6-11 NRSV Sheri Kline		
Message	Rev. Doug		
Song of Response			
Invitation to Communion	The Peace of 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 God our thanks and praise		

Announcements	Rev. Doug
<p>*Closing Hymn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">#134 Sweet, Sweet Spirit</p> <div> <div> <p>There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt, we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.</p> </div> <div> <p>There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.</p> </div> </div>	
Benediction	"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
Postlude	"I Know a Love"
<p style="text-align: center;">Altar Flowers</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Today's flowers are given: <i>"In memory of our loved ones"</i> <i>by Bob & Betsy Converse</i></p> </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Fellowship</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>Join us for coffee hour hosted by Kim Paré</p> </div>	

MARCH 15, 2023

"Si comprehendis, non est Deus"

By Rev. Dr. Doug Cederberg

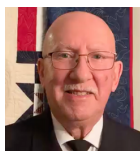
Pastor at Greendale People's Church

From St. Augustine: *"si comprehendis, non est Deus."*
Roughly translated this means:
"If you understand God, what you understand isn't God."



Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Rev. Doug Cederberg



Share the Gospel of Jesus!

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR | MARCH 15, 2023

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,

Thanks to Diane for filling in for Annie, and the Choir (Rich, Ellen, and Wilson) for the great Prelude, Hymns, and Response music. Thanks to Deb Sobi as our scripture reader. Don't forget to reach out and make welcome any newcomers, visitors, and new members.

GPC is God's sanctuary. God gathered this church over 127 years ago to be His Congregation and serve this Worcester/Greendale community. "God is at work in us and



in this church" ... **CAN YOU DON'T FEEL IT?** How great to be on God's Team! GOD, give us your peace that surpasses all understanding. Let us continue to do God's work to help others so

we all can better know God and His Son, Jesus Christ! Let us look to the future with hope as we journey through this 40-day period of Lent. We are on this journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. We pray for God's Holy Spirit to work with and through us. We come to church to hear God speak to us, to open our hearts to better know our God and His Son Jesus, and to better understand His will for us. We come to learn from our Minister Doug who explains God-inspired scripture.

Share the Gospel of Jesus with others; be not ashamed to do so. During this period of Lent, let us pray daily, acknowledge our sins, and seek God's forgiveness. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 6:23). "For everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved." (Rom 10:13) But, to those who receive Him, He granted authority to become God's children, that is, to those who believe in His name. (John 1:12). "The Grace of God saves us (from our sins)! Ask for it. Receive it!" God is faithful to hear and answer our prayers. AND, Have you heard about recent Revival meetings at colleges in the South? Also, people are excited about a new movie titled: The Jesus Revolution, a story that occurred in the 1960s about revival in America. Let us pray for revival HERE.

Chair's Special Notes:

1. We are thankful for your faithful pledge and donation of financial support to our annual Operating Budget, along with extra donations, such as Lent and Easter.
2. Thank you to all our TEAMS and CONGREGANTS, and our church staff, for your individual and collective efforts to serve our God and our church! God Bless Your AWESOME Service.
3. see the Bulletin for numerous special fellowship opportunities with our various Teams, groups, bible studies/religious education/special videos with our Rev. Doug, or yoga, for you to engage, support, join and serve, or view, as appropriate. Our multiple Hunger Action efforts provide real help to those in need. All our efforts demonstrate God's GPC Team is alive, active, and well.
4. I hope you have noticed the LED Sign Donation Plaque mounted in Fisher Hall on the wall behind the Sunday coffee service area. Everyone (all 40) who contributed is recognized with their own nameplate on the Plaque. Thank You!
5. Thanks Karen Allen as she is updating our Servant Leader Directory. Thanks to all Teams for providing current info. Should be ready by mid-March.
6. Thanks to ALL the GB members, remaining and new, for your faithful service to God and our church. We acknowledge to seek God's wisdom and guidance as we proceed through this year. We will trust God to help guide us to His desired will and outcomes. Everyone keep us lifted in prayer!
7. BTW, if you need a pick-me-up during the day, then listen to KLOV Radio at FM 107.3 for a refreshing boost. You will be treated with solid Christian music of encouragement and support! Enjoy the uplift and find/feel the joy!

Blessings and Shalom,

Dennis Christo

Chair, Governing Board.

GPC Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am-12n | Parking lot entry

We are deeply grateful for the invaluable contributions of our volunteers at the Food Pantry, as well as the generosity of our donors. Your unwavering dedication to serving those in need is truly awe-inspiring, and your compassionate spirit has made a tangible impact on the lives of countless individuals. Thank you for helping us bring hope to our community and for embodying the true spirit of selflessness and kindness.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the office or reach out to Donna Fife at Donnafife375@yahoo.com



Food Pantry Needs:

Our needs this week are **Canned beans, canned fruit and peanut butter.**

Thank you for your support!

Breakfast for the homeless program!

Sundays: Meal prep | Fisher Hall

GPC's weekly take-out breakfast program is a program for food-insecure neighbors.

Join the effort to feed the hungry!

To continue feeding the hungry, we need help from teams to take turns with procurement, production, and distribution each week.



You can join the production line in Fisher Hall on Sundays after worship or speak with Lyn for more information on becoming a donor, shopper, or delivery ambassador. This ministry is new and we're learning as we go, but we're off to a great start. Thank you to all who have participated so far. **Let's keep this movement going!**

Worship News



Sunday Worship Service

**March 26, 2023 at 9:30 am
in the Sanctuary**

Flower Chart for 2023 is filling up!



Don't be left out. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of Fisher Hall. After choosing a Sunday, remember to fill out a card to tell the dedication and any preferences in flowers or color. The fee is \$35 per Sunday and a check is to be made out to Greendale People's Church with "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. These may be in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a person or event. This is a great way to remember or honor a person or event.

Lenten Series: Discovering God's Work. A Journey Through the Bible

Wednesdays during Lent | Youtube & Facebook



This Lenten season, join us on a journey of spiritual discovery through the pages of the Bible with our **special Lenten series: 'Discovering God's Word.'** We'll guide you through the basics of biblical interpretation and help you deepen your understanding of scripture with your heart. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and deepen your relationship with God! Our second episode was posted last Wednesday, March 8th and you can watch the introduction video available on YouTube and Facebook.

Holy Week April 2nd - 9th, 2023

- **Palm Sunday:** Please join us for Palm Sunday worship on **April 2nd at 9:30 am in the Chapel.** As part of our Palm Sunday worship, we will also be distributing palm branches to everyone attending the service.
- **Maundy Thursday:** On **April 6th** join us for a reflective Maundy Thursday service in the Chapel at 7:00 pm.
- **Easter Sunday:** Please join us for our Easter Sunday service on **April 9th at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary,** as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This special service is a time of joyous celebration, and we would be delighted to have you with us.



Join the Fellowship Group for Lunch

Sunday, April 16 | 12:00 pm | Village Haven



The Fellowship Group invites you to join us for a delicious lunch at **Village Haven Restaurant**, in RI on **April 16th** at 12 noon.

Enjoy a delightful meal in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere with good company. **Please RSVP with Deb Hackett or Janet Whittall by April 9th.**

Special Projects: Pansy Sale

Sunday, April 16 | After Worship Service

Spring is in the air, and what better way to welcome it than with beautiful pansies? Special Projects is excited to announce our upcoming **Pansy Sale** on **April 16th**, following worship service.



Pizza Party!

Wednesday, April 19 | 12 pm | Fisher Hall



Join us at our next pizza party. **Wednesday, April 19 at 12:15 pm** in Fisher Hall.
Theme: Patriots Day!

Easter is just a few weeks away!



If you wish to make a donation in celebration of Easter, please mark your check with "Easter" in the memo line and mail it to GPC or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. There are special envelopes available as you enter for the Sunday service. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Hope for Housing Gift Cards

Do you want to give a gift for Easter, but are not sure what to get? Hope for Housing gift cards are the perfect answer. They come in various denominations from \$10 to \$100 from a variety of stores including Amazon, Big Y, CVS, Dunkin', Hannaford, Panera, Shaw's, Starbucks, Stop & Shop, Target, and TJ Maxx. Come to coffee hour on Sunday to see Karen Allen to pick out one or several. Just remember by purchasing the cards at church you are giving a gift in two ways: to help people in Worcester stay in their homes and a present for a friend or family member.



Share your Testimonial!

The testimonials sponsored by the Stewardship Team have begun. Thanks to Michael True as our first speaker for an excellent presentation of his faith and experience with GPC. If you missed it, you are able to see it online as a part of the service on March 5 of this year. There are plans to have such testimonials each month telling of a person's faith journey here at GPC and about the ministries they are serving or those served. If you are interested in participating please contact a member of the Stewardship Team (Karen Allen, Bob Converse, Betsy Converse, Marion McLaren, or Dave Raphael).



Sharing Table



Please check out the Sharing Table in Fisher Hall when you visit the church. There are books, greeting and note cards, pamphlets about Greendale People's Church, and even some calendars for 2023. And there

is a box there for the sharing of clothes for the Mustard Seed. If you have some items of this type that you want to share, please bring them and place them on the table. If you have any questions, please call the office at 508-852-7727. Thank you for your help in this form of conservation!

Grow Spiritually

Women at the Well

2nd & 4th Monday of the month | 10:30 am | 2nd CR



We started our study of the **Book of Revelation**, the last book of the New Testament. There is a study guide for a minimal fee, but don't let that stop you from joining us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 10:30 am in the Conference Room at GPC.

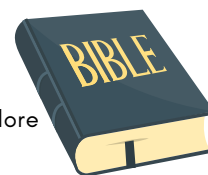
Please let **Karen Allen** know if you will be attending by emailing her at karenallen2006@aol.com.

Wednesday Thoughts!

Every other Wednesday | Facebook & YouTube.

Wednesday Thoughts is back! This Lenten Season we will take a Journey through learning how to study the bible. If you have any topics you'd like us to explore please send us a message at

Carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org



Tuesday Study Group

In hiatus

Tuesday Study Group is in Hiatus. Stay tuned to know when is the group meeting again in 2023. For questions contact Dennis O'Malley at owensinned@yahoo.com

Community News

Central Mass Housing Authority

Central Mass Housing Authority is in need your gently used furniture! Referrals for those in need of furniture are still high! The Donations Clearinghouse is a referral-based program, and items are free of charge to program recipients. Items needed the most are: Sofas, Kitchen Table/ Dining Table Sets, Dressers/ Bureaus, Small tables, and housewares (pots & pans, dish sets, lamps, decorative items, etc.). Unfortunately, we cannot accept used mattresses, though we are accepting donations to purchase mattresses at a discounted price for families.

House Authority will pick up for free in the Worcester County area. Once you schedule a pickup time with House Authority.

Your donation is tax deductible, and you will get a receipt at pickup. **To learn more about the Donations Clearinghouse please go to our website at** <https://www.cmhaonline.org/donating-dch>.

You can call the DCH Line at 774-243-3821 or email at dch@cmhaonline.org.

Weekly Calendar

GPC office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am - 3 pm

[Week of March 27 - April 2, 2023](#)

Monday, March 27, 2023

10:30 am.....Women at the Well | 2 CR

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:30 pm.....Governing Board Mtg | 2 CR/Zoom

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

10:00 am.....Food Pantry | Parking Lot Entry

6:00 pm.....Cub Scouts | Genesis & Eden Rooms

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:30 am.....Palm Sunday | Chapel

Please carry this with you or place it on your table or beside your bed. As you include the following names in your prayers remember that your brothers and sisters in faith are also praying with you.

Beverly	Karen Legere	Bob Pierce
Janice	Charlie Whittall	Brenda Kennedy
Stephanie Kissiday	Astrid Essex	Christopher Sequeira
Jessica Angers	Patty Harnois	Tori Jones
Jim & Marie Wilmot	Lorna Rollins	Dick Grayson
Brandon S.	Kathy Freeburn	Elaine Doud
Teresa LaFleur	Sheri Kline	Amy
June Ayres	Charlotte LeBlanc	Askins Family
Don Hebb	Kyle	Lillie Lim
Don Wilbur	Dave Raphael	Bo Konrad
Laura Giurleo	Russ Vickstrom	LeBlanc Family
		Marie Grace

Connect with GPC members by sending a postcard and telling them how much you care!

Jackie Pierce

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Russ Vickstrom

64 Chapel Street
Holden MA 01520

March Birthdays

03/03 Astrid Essex	03/11 Jan Whittall	03/17 Dick Grayson	03/23 Rowena Warden
03/04 Tori Jones	03/12 Samuel Dubrule	03/18 Laura Giurleo	03/26 Earline DeSalvo
03/05 George Warden	03/13 Karl Putnam	03/19 Verlaine Sobi	03/30 Padiag Daley
03/06 Carolina Mata	03/13 Diane Morin	03/21 Marcia Hartleb	
03/08 Elise Dubrule	03/13 Logan Grensavitch	03/21 Carlo Cimato	
03/09 Marjorie Clark	03/14 Joanne Wilder	03/21 Jennifer Schlegel	

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am (Alternating between Chapel and Sanctuary.)

 **Chapel Service**

 **Sanctuary Service**

WIMS Church:

Sundays, 12:00pm - 2:00pm Sanctuary

Central Mass NA Group: First Monday of the month, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Fisher Hall

NA Weekly Meeting:

Sundays 12:00pm, Conference Room 1st Level

Cub Scouts:

Thursdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Eden and Genesis Room

Girl Scouts:

Sundays, 1:00 pm, Conference Room 1st Level

You're With Us!

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Food Hub Kitchen

The schedule is subject to weekly changes. For more information contact: *Rob Morris, Food Entrepreneurship Manager: 508-425-3145 / kitchen@worchesterfoodhub.org*