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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**May 28, 2017**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Ascension of Christ into Heaven**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** "America" arr. Gail Scott Robins

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 142** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation

## Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)  
Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him Lord of all. Lift our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**An Affirmation of Faith for Easter** Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Unison:** **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**

**not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,**

**who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins**

**and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;**

**that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven**

**not a hair can fall from my head.**

**Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Pastor:** The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

## Welcome and Announcements

The children may bring their “ringing collection” and come to the Baptismal Font for a Time for Young Christians

**Epistle** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Psalm 47** Unison

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, fills us with awe.

He is a great king over all the earth.

God subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

God chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations. God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God and he is highly exalted.

**Anthem** Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Day-spring from on high be near; Day-star in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance Divine, scatter all my unbelief. More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen.

(--Charles Wesley, 1740; Tune from Leipzig, 1815, setting by Healey Willan, 1950)

**Luke-Acts** Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-14

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 153** He Is King of Kings He Is King

The congregation sits.

**Sermon** The Ultimate Trip Mike Krech

“When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 155** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall's 148th

**Apostles' Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

**Gloria for Easter Season** Refrain of Hymn 122 Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory** Morning Has Broken arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology for Easter Season** (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 423** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

**Postlude** In Christ, Our Liberty arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the seventh Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day through Pentecost (April 16 – June 4, 2017). This joyful season of the resurrection victory is celebrated in worship through our hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It has long been customary to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an expression of the absolute victory over sin won for us by the Risen Lord. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, which occurred forty days from the resurrection according to Acts 1. The Ascension is the “bridge,” linking the final verses of Luke's Gospel and the opening verses of the Book of Acts, which was also written by Luke.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, when power from on high, the Holy Spirit, promised in the reading from Acts, descended upon the disciples.