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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**April 8, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 104

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna

Hymn to Joy

### Easter Greeting

**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.)

Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bled in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 come to the Baptismal Font for a  
**Time for Young Christians**

### First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

**Psalm 133** Unison

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity.

It is like precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**Solo** Amazing Grace Karen Schlichte, soprano

### Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 117** O Sons and Daughter, Let Us Sing O Filii et Filiae

The congregation sits.

### Gospel

John 20:19-31

**Sermon** Of Scams and Scars Mike Krech

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in mark of the nails and my  
hand in his side, I will not believe.” John 20:25b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 118** The Day of Resurrection Lancashire

**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

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 151** Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

### Postlude

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

Today is the second Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day to Pentecost (April 1 – May 20, 2018). 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 common 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. Another practice in Easter season is reading the first lesson from the Book of Acts. This fifth book of the New Testament, written by Luke, author of the third Gospel, records the spread of faith in the Risen Christ. (JMK)