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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

**April 15, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Andantino

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Llanfair

## 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.)

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 3:12-19

### Psalm 4

Unison

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;

The Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; meditate on your bed and be still.

Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

I will lie down and sleep in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

### Anthem

Psalm 86

Carl J. Nygard, Jr. 1984

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place. In your mercy, Lord, let me stay; hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. Hear my words when I call from the lowly place. I will pray, O Lord, lest I die; hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. From the grave's descent You have taken me when the men of the world have forsaken me. In my day of need and my time of grief, hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief. In the morning, Lord, I will sing with a song that will rise from the holy place, and my praises, Lord, it will bring; in the morning I will sing. Alleluia, Amen. (--Psalm 86, adapted by C.J. Nygard)

### Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

### Gospel

Luke 24:36-48

### Sermon

Ripples of Resurrection

Mike Krech

"...and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:47-48

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 121** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright Puer Nobis Nascitur

**Nicene Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

**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

### Offertory Sentence

### Offertory

Voluntary

John Stanley (1713-1786)

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.

The congregation sits.

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Words of Institution

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

### Hymn 594

This Is the Feast of Victory

Festival Canticule

## Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

### Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

**Recessional Hymn 106** Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks Alleluia No. 1

### Postlude

Fugue in F Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church on this third 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 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 been a custom 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, which records the spread of the Gospel under the leadership of the Apostles. (JMK)