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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Meditation on “Father, We Praise Thee”
Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 455 All Creatures of Our God and King Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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**.)
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain
your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who 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 come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98 Unison

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;

He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Anthem Sing to the Lord a New Song David and Jean Perry, 1986

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless his name.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works to mankind. The Lord is great and

greatly to be praised; sing to the Lord, all the lands. Come to the Lord and bless his name.

Praise Him, all creatures of the earth. Heavens and earth shall rejoice; oceans and fields exult

in his name. Sing to the Lord a new song! (--Based on Psalm 96)

Epistle 1 John 5:1-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 293 This Is My Father's World Terra Beata

The congregation sits.

Gospel John 15:9-17

Sermon New Occasions Teach New Duties Mike Krech

“The circumcised believers ... were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.” Acts 10:45

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 111 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing Gelobt Sei Gott

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 God Is My Shepherd Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

God is my shepherd; I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows. He leadeth me where quiet waters flow. My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still. Thy rod and staff are with me and they shall comfort me.

Charlotte Eaheart Hicks, soprano

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 473 For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

Postlude Toccata Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the sixth Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day through Pentecost (April 1 – May 20, 2018). We celebrate this joyful season of the resurrection victory through the first lesson from the Book of Acts, our hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. Today's hymns reflect another theme for the sixth Sunday of Easter: the Rogation Days, the three weekdays prior to Ascension Day, which were given to prayer for a fruitful season of planting and harvest. Three of our hymns today celebrate God's creation of and care for the world. (JMK)