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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The Gift of Love arr. Marvin Gaspard

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 113

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Llanfair

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**.)
O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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 Season – 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.

Hymn 256

Let the Whole Creation Cry Salzburg

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 bring their ringing offering and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a
Time for Young Christians

First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 Unison

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command.

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars.

wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth.

young men and women alike, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him. **Praise the Lord.**

Anthem African Psalm arr. from a Kenyan folksong
by Patrick Liebergen, 1996

Lift your voices to God with singing! Praise the Lord with a joyful song!

Celebrate! He is Lord forever! Glory be to the mighty King! Ev'ry body, rejoice and sing.

Shout with joy to the Lord who made us; God created the earth and sky,

raise your hands to the Lord on high. Io o, alleluia, sing allelu, forever in joyful song.

Epistle Revelation 21:1-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 453 O Holy City, Seen of John Morning Song

The congregation sits.

Gospel John 13:31-35

Sermon Visions and Revisions Mike Krech

“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision.”

Acts 11:5a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 386 O for a World Azmon

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 Spirit of the Living God 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 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydol

Postlude Lead On, O King Eternal arr. Dale Wood

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fifth Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day to Pentecost (April 21 – June 9, 2019).

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. (JMK)