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Worships God at 11:00 a.m. May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

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

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, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond 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 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 267 All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

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 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Unison

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Anthem

Fount of Every Blessing

Lloyd Larson, 2008

God of ev'ry gift and blessing, we gather this day

to give You glory, honor, our worship and praise.

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;

and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God.

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to me.

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, for Thy courts above.

(--Robert Robinson, c. 1758; alt. by Lloyd Larson; tune: Nettleton,

traditional American melody from John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813)

Epistle

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 111 Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing Gelobt Sei Gott The congregation sits.

Gospel John 5:1-9

Mike Krech

Sermon Healing Waters. Healing Word

"Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my Way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk."

John 5:7-8

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 390 O Savior in This Quiet Place St. Stephen 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 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn **Postlude**

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 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. We also follow the custom of observing God's grace and power at work in the created world on this sixth Sunday of Easter, the Sunday prior to Ascension Day (May 30).