

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Coronation

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**.)
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring all creation to worship at his feet, 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 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall's 148th

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

Epistle Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 47 Unison

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, fills us with awe.

He is a great king over all the earth.

God subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

God chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations. God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God and he is highly exalted.

Anthem A Hymn of Praise Christe Sanctorum

Antiphoner, Paris, 1681, setting by Robert Lehman, 1990

Father, we praise you; now the night is over. Active and watchful, standing now before you;

singing we offer prayer and meditation; thus we adore you. Monarch of all things,

fit us for your mansions. Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending; bring us to heaven, where your saints united, joy without ending.

All holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation.

Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

(-- Attr. Gregory I, c. 600; trans. Percy Dearmer, 1906, alt.)

Luke-Acts Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 153 He Is King of Kings He Is King

The congregation sits.

Sermon Going Up? Mike Krech

“When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

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 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun Duke Street

Postlude

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the seventh Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day through 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 customary 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. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, which occurred forty days from the resurrection according to Acts 1. The Ascension is the “bridge,” linking the final verses of Luke’s Gospel and the opening verses of the Book of Acts, which was also written by Luke.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost, when the promised power from on high, the Holy Spirit, descended upon the disciples.