

## CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Ascension of Christ into Heaven

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

Rejoice the Lord Is King      Tune: Darwall's 148th  
John Darwall, 1770; arr. Jason D. Payne

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**.)  
Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him Lord of all. Lift our hearts to heaven where Christ 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 safely greet one another with the peace  
of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

## Welcome and Announcements

**Recognition of Graduates** – Cole Price and Kendall Walker

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

**Time for Young Christians**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**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, who is highly exalted.**

**Anthem** By Faith Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, 2009

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who Prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight. By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign. We will stand/walk as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight. By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the spirit to the lost, to deliver captives and to preach good news in every corner of the earth. By faith the mountain shall be moved and the power of the Gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

Soloist: Daniel Whitaker

**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** Lifted 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 155** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Darwall's 148th

**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** Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor Tune: Bryn Calfaria  
William Owen, 1852

You may wish to read a hymn text associated with this tune at 154 in the hymnal.

**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 God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Benediction**

**Hymn 423** Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Duke Street

**Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,  
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.**

**Postlude** God of Our Fathers Tune: National Hymn  
George William Warren, 1892; arr. Anna Laura Page

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today we celebrate the final days of the Great Fifty Days of Easter with 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. The Ascension is preceded by Jesus' promise that the disciples will soon be baptized by the Holy Spirit and Jesus' charge to the disciples to bear witness to the ends of the earth. Next Sunday, June 5, is the Day of Pentecost. JMK

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name, Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

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O that with yonder sacred throng, We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

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Text: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787;

Tune: CORONATION; Oliver Holden, 1793

### He Is King of Kings

Refrain: He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,

Jesus Christ, the first and last, No one works like him.

He built a throne up in the air, No one works like him.

And called His saints from everywhere, No one works like Him. (Refrain)

He pitched His tents on Canaan ground, No one works like Him,

And broke oppressive kingdoms down, No one works like Him (Refrain)

I know that my Redeemer lives, No one works like Him,

And by His love sweet blessing gives, No one works like Him. (Refrain)

Text: African-American spiritual;

Tune: HE IS KING; African-American spiritual,

Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983); Adapt. Melva W. Costen, 1989

### **Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph ever more:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!  
God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!  
Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints for their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746;

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th; John Darwall, 1770

### **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
To Him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.  
People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.  
Blessings abound where'er He reigns; The prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blessed.  
Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.;

Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, d. 1793