

## CHURCH SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**April 9, 2023**

**Easter Day/Sunday of the Resurrection**

## **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

### **Preludes**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today      Easter Hymn  
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir      arr. Douglas E. Wagner

This Joyful Eastertide (Vruechten)      17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch melody  
Arr. Raymond H. Haan

Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, organ

### **The congregation stands to sing**

### **Processional Hymn 119**

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

### **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**.)

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Christ. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Hymn 115**

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

St. Kevin

**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**

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

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1a,2, 14-15,17,22-24

Unison

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Let Israel say, God's love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my song; God is my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has done mighty things.

I shall not die, but I shall live, and proclaim the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### Anthem

Acclamation for Easter

Jon Paige, 2015

This is a time for alleluias! This is a day to lift to your voice!

This is the dawn of new beginnings! This is the day for joyful noise!

Alleluia. This is resurrection day. Christ is risen from the grave!

This is the day the garden awakens! This is the time for hope and life.

This is the moment death is shaken! This the dawn of truth and light!

Three dark days the world has waited, looking for the Son of Light.

Now the earth with joy is singing as she greets the risen Christ!

Hills and valleys ring with song. All creation sings along.

Come and join with voices strong. Jesus is risen today.

### Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

### Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

**Sermon** Hope for People Who Are Running Out of Time Mike Krech

"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."  
Colossians 3:1

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 122

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

Note: the refrain is sung only after the final stanza

## 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.

## 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

Because He Lives, Amen

Ed Cash, et. al.

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 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

## Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Diademata)

arr. Jason Payne

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church on Easter Day, the Sunday of the resurrection.

Please linger for the fellowship meal and egg hunt. Photos will also be taken today for your family's use and for our coming pictorial directory.

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **The Strife Is O'er**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia.

Lord, by your wounds on Calvary From death's dread sting Your servants free,  
That we may live eternally, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 1695; Trans. Francis Pott, 1861;

Tune: VICTORY;

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591; Adapt. William Henry Monk, 1861

### **Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel Into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them, with un-moistened foot, Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath risen.  
Now rejoice, Jerusalem, And with true affection  
Welcome in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

Text: John of Damascus (c.675-749); Trans. John Mason Neale, 1859; alt.;

Tune: ST. KEVIN; Arthur Seymour Sullivan, (1842-1900); alt.

### **Thine Is the Glory**

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing.  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Text: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.;  
Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS; George Frederick Handel, 1748

### **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant, holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740;  
Tune: EASTER HYMN;  
*Lyra Davidica*, 1708; Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749