

## CHURCH SESSION

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# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

May 19, 2024

Fiftieth Day of Easter/The Day of Pentecost

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Amazing Grace with I Will Sing of Your Love Forever  
arr. Carol Tornquist

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 130** Let Every Christian Pray Laudes Domini

## 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**.)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you, 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

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, ascended 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** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Psalms 104:24-27, 28b-31, 33** Unison

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!**

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide.**

**Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

**There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

**These all look to you to give them their food in due season.**

**When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created**

**and you renew the face of the earth.**

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

**I will sing praise to God while I have being.**

**Musical Meditation** Tambourin Joseph Gossec

Samantha Upshaw, clarinet

**Gospel** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 313** Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

The congregation sits.

**Pentecost Lesson from Acts** Acts 2:1-21

**Sermon** Christ Goes Up; Spirit Comes Down Mike Krech

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ... .” Acts 2:5a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 314** Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song Bridegroom

**Nicene Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

**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

## Offertory Sentence

**Offertory** I Lift My Eyes Up with All Creatures of Our God and King  
arr. Carol Tornquist

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.**

The congregation sits.

## Invitation to the Lord’s Table

## Words of Institution

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the minister and elders.

**OR** you may go to the table to the left and eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided. All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

## Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 320** The Lone Wild Bird Prospect

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

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

**Postlude** They Will Know We Are Christians with Blest Be the Tie  
arr. Carol Tornquist

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Let Every Christian Pray**

Let every Christian pray, This day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth The church of Christ on earth To seek and save the  
lost:

God never has withdrawn, Since that tremendous dawn, The gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power Can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Instruct, inspire, unite, And help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970;

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

### **Come Down, O Love Divine**

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine

And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,

And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn

To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let Your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,

And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long

Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;

For none can guess God's grace, Till Love creates a place

Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867, alt.;

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

### **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

Like the murmur of the dove's song, Like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, Like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, To the branches of the Vine,  
To the church in faith assembled, To her midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, With the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness, With the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Tune: BRIDEGROOM; Peter Cutts, 1969

### **The Lone, Wild Bird**

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with Thee nor leaves Thy sight.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The sea's dark deep and far off land.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Text: Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925, alt.;

Tune: PROSPECT; As in *Twelve Folksongs and Spirituals*, 1968;

Harm. David N. Johnson, 1968