

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 4, 2021

Sunday of the Resurrection/Easter Day

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Organ This Is the Feast of Victory (Festival Canticle) Richard Hillert, 1978

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

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

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, who raised Christ Jesus from the grave, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ that we may grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

Unison

Give thanks to the Lord, who 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.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn Welcome, Happy Morning

Fortunatus

"Welcome, happy morning," age to age shall say.

Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

Lo, the dead is living, God forevermore.

Him their true creator all his works adore.

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,

Hours and passing moments praise Thee in their flight.

Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,

Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee.

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,

Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;

Come, then True and Faithful, now fulfill Thy Word;

'Tis Thine own third morning; rise, O buried Lord!

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;

All that now is fallen raise to life again;

Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;

Bring again our daylight: day returns with Thee!

Welcome, happy morning, age to age shall say.

(--Venantius Fortunatus, c. 600; tune – Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1872)

The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

