## **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 <u>Easter</u> 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** <u>Day</u> (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 Honorius Fortunatus, c. 600; tune – Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1872) The congregation sits.

**Epistle** 

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

"He has been raised; he is not here, ... he is going ahead of you to Galilee;" Mark 16:6b,7b

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 119** 

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

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

Allleluia/Come Fill Our Hearts (Confitemini Domino)

Jacques Berthier, 1982

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) <u>Lasst Uns Erfreuen</u> 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

Hymn 122

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

The congregation is encouraged to be seated for the postlude, or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Organ Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn Arr. Anna Laura Page