

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Christ Has Triumpered, Alleluia (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)
Edward Broughton

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 104 Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna Hymn to Joy

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**.)
Living God, for whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, till we see your Christ and touch his wounds where they bleed in others. This we ask through Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.**

CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2021

Rickie Cooke
Anna Tate
Janet Vawter

Class of 2022

Kevin Bopp
Bob Gammon
Emily Mayne
Moderator: John Michael Krech
Clerk: Becky Stirling
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Class of 2023

Rosemary Gordon
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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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

First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133 Unison

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity.

It is like precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Solo Fill My Cup, Lord

Sung by Bob Vawter Words and Music by Richard Blanchard, 1959

Epistle 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel John 20:19-31

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 117 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing O Filii et Filiae

The congregation sits.

Sermon Reply All Mike Krech

“But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.”
John 20:24

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 111 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing Gelobt Sei Gott

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 Sentence

Offertory Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Tune: St Agnes, John B. Dykes

If with All Your Hearts (from *Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

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 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 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

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

Postlude I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord by Aaron Williams
arr. Gayden Sykes

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the second Sunday of the season of Easter, which extends through the Great Fifty Days from Easter Day to Pentecost (April 4 – May 23, 2021). This joyful season of the resurrection victory is celebrated in worship through our hymns, the Gloria and Doxology for the season, and an affirmation of faith in place of a prayer of confession. It has long been common to omit confession of sin during the Easter season as an expression of the absolute victory over sin won for us by the Risen Lord. Another practice in Easter season is reading the first lesson from the Book of Acts. This fifth book of the New Testament, written by Luke, author of the third Gospel, records the spread of faith in the Risen Christ. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.
Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First the Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone.

Text: Brian Wren, 1986;

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, alt.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
O'er death and hell rose triumphing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith hath constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE; French tune,

15th century *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels*, 1623

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;
Let every tongue rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1931, alt;

Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT; Melchior Vulpius, 1609; as in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851; Tune: DIADEMATA; George Job Elvey, 1868