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 Triumped, 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. **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) <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 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)